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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**A** very Happy New Year to all of you. We hope your Holidays were joyous and that the New Year will be kind to you. And speaking of holidays, the Christmas party this year was great. The food was delicious and there was no band as promised, so we could all hear each other talk. We also had a gift exchange and therein came lots of fun. Most everyone by this time has done the "open a present or steal a present" game, and I'm finding out there are several ways to play this game. However, all rules were forgotten as a WWI Aviation Spark Plug created lots of interest. Wives even stole it for their husbands after it has been stolen from the husbands. In the end - and there finally was an end - nine people had had their hands on that spark plug, many of them more than once. Far more often than once. How will we equal this next year.

One thing we will do in the new year is have Jan Wood, who was our speaker in November return and enchant us once more. The bulb in her Slide Projector went out and then refused to come out for the replacement bulb. So we were unable to see her slides. Plus I'm sure she has more of the stories that she shared with us on her incredible flights. She has such a marvelous way of telling them.

Remember to look at the Christmas party pictures in our great album that Jim and Kay Fosselman put together for us. And we'll be looking forward to seeing all of you for our very interesting January meeting.

## BUD NELSON TO SPEAK AT JANUARY MEETING

**W**e are certainly fortunate to have members like Bud Nelson. Bud lives in Seattle and will be in the area for the meeting January 19. Bud was

involved in the development of an aircraft that I have had my eye on for some time, the GlaStar. This aircraft is being manufactured and sold by Stoddard-Hamilton in Arlington, Washington. It is really a marvelous aircraft and I can't wait to hear Bud tell about it. Don't miss this meeting, and bring your friends that might be interested in building their own aircraft. Remember, January 19, 7:30 p.m., at Glendale College.

## NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS IN ENGLAND

**W**e have received our yearly Christmas letter from Brian and Mary Goulding in England, and would like to pass on some of their news. In July, Brian had the pleasure of two flights in US type aircraft. He flew from North Weald (a very famous Battle of Britain station) in a Grumman Avenger to RAF Markam in Norfolk for a families open day. The return flight was in a Harvard. Both aircraft are owned by the same person, Tony Haig-Thomas, an ex RAF pilot. Lucky Brian.

Brian also tells us that an AVRO Lancaster bomber, one of the finest ever aircraft is active again, one of only four in England. There are eighteen known survivors world side, including one under restoration by Kermit Weeks in Florida. This particular Lancaster, or Lanc as it is affectionately known, is owned by two farmers, Fred and Harold Panton. They have established the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Center at East Kirkby, a former WWII Lancaster Base. Their bomber was retired from service in 1964 in the South Pacific and was flown back from Sydney, Australia in May 1965. The Panton brothers acquired it in 1986 and have done a wonderful job in bringing it back to life again after nearly twenty years of static display in the open. Brian states that whenever its engines are started and it is taxied, it attracts huge crowds. He also states that the sound of all four Merlins being



run at almost full throttle has to be experienced to be believed. Not a dry eye anywhere.

Many of you know that Brian has written several books on the Lancaster Bomber, and he and co-author Mike Garbett "launched" their latest book recently at East Kirkby to the tune of the Merlins on a gloriously sunny winter's afternoon. The book is "Lancaster At War Volume 5 - 50 Years On". This is their fifth "At War" book and the eighth on the Lancaster. (Connie Clark)

### IN MEMORIUM

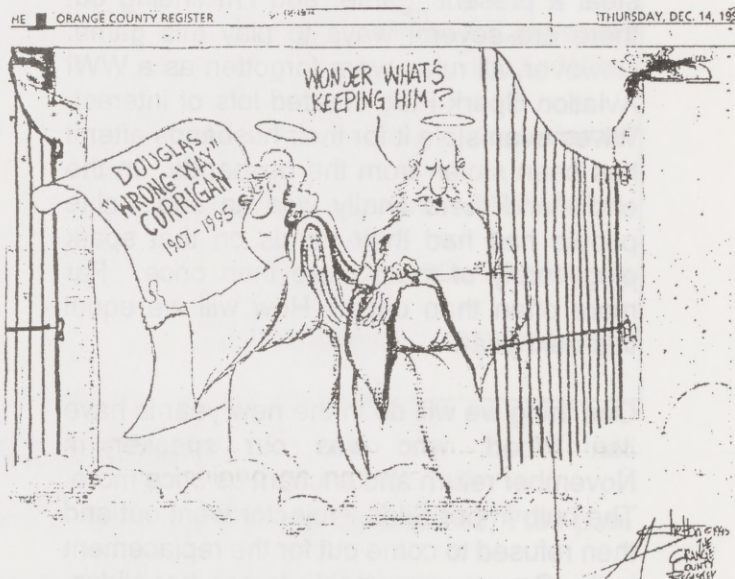
I'm sure you must all know by now that Douglas "Wrong-Way" Corrigan has passed on. He died on December 9th of pneumonia at St. Josephs Hospital in Orange. His funeral service was December 13th, and unfortunately none of our group knew about it early enough to attend.

Douglas was 88 years old when he passed on, which was quite appropriate as 8's were special to him. He told us about many of his 8's when he and his Curtiss Robyn were at the Hawthorne Airfaire. Ed Clark actually was able to start the engine on the Robyn, which had been in storage for 50 years, on 8-8-88. Another of Doug's 8's was the name of his airplane - Sunshine - with 8 letters.

Many of you will also remember the time "Wrong Way" was a speaker at one of our meetings. A big thank you to Don Johnson for arranging that one. We started early and finished late. Douglas Corrigan certainly did enjoy talking about his experiences. He enjoyed it even more so without his teeth, which he turned around and removed shortly after he began talking, saying something like "it's more comfortable this way", laughing with the rest of us. Describing his attempt to get permission to fly across the Atlantic, he related to us that the officials had told him to "get lost".

In a 1957 interview, Doug stated that "flying today is different, all buttons and jets. Old timers know the right thing to do even when they flew the wrong way".

We have had some fun times with Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan - we've read his book and watched his movie. Now the "hand that shook the hand of Charles Lindbergh" has gone on with him, shaking hands again I'm sure. (Connie Clark)



### COMING EVENT

It was such fun, we're doing it again. The Elk's Club in San Pedro. Remember to wear your dancing shoes, as they have a great band. The date is February 25th, so be sure to mark your calendars now. This is a Buffet, and will be \$12.50 each, including tax and tip. Many thanks to Dave Bean for arranging this for us once more. Further information next month.

### FROM THE EDITOR

I also hope you had a great Holiday season and that the new year is good to you.

I found two books that some of you might be



interested in. The first one is "Allied Aircraft Piston Engines of World War II", written by Graham White and printed by Airlife Publishing in England. This is truly a fine publication, they show pictures of the engines, give its history, and then talk about the aircraft it was used on. There are quite a few cutaways of both the engines and the aircraft. If you like engines and engine lore, this is your book.

The second, "Classic World War II Aircraft Cutaways". This one is written by the famous Bill Gunston. If you have seen the cutaways in Flight International, Aeroplane, and some of the other English publications, and are as fascinated by them as I am, then you surely want this book. Gunston introduces us to the artists that have made these wonderful drawings for so many years and talks about the points that each wants to make with his line cutaway. This is also an English printing, printed by Osprey Aerospace.

Member and dear friend Frank Schermerhorn gave me an original (in mint condition) copy of Civil Aeronautics In The United States, dated August 1935. It is really a fascinating book. One of the most interesting parts is the fold-out map of the air routes in the United States and the airlines flying them. I will bring it to the meeting as some of you might enjoy looking at it. I can't thank Frank enough for his friendship and generosity. I hope Frank can make some of the meetings this year, you will find him a fascinating individual.

Many of you may know of a proposed change in the state tax laws that could affect some of us VAA members. Assembly Bill 982 exempts from payment of state sales and use tax until 1/1/2001, that tangible property which becomes a component part of an aircraft as a result of constructing, repairing, cleaning, altering, or improving an aircraft. Also exempts labor charges for carrying out these activities from the same state sales and use tax. This bill will go

before the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee this session.

Thanks to all of you that have sent your dues in already. Let me remind you once again, the dues are payable January 1, \$10.00 per year. Please look at your address label to see if you are due.

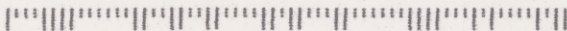
Also, please keep in mind that I am always looking for information and pictures for the letter. If you have something of interest please send it in, if I can include it, I will. I try to keep the letter to three to five pages to keep the printing costs down, thereby keeping the cost to the club down. But, if I had some really good stuff - - -. Speaking of pictures etc. many of you know Hal Sanders. Hal has given me some really great pictures that I will be running starting with the next issue. I think you will be delighted. I thank Hal for his generosity. The picture in the letter this month is from my collection, it is of the 115th Observation Squadron of the California Air National Guard (Army Guard when this was taken) in 1940.

A number of issues ago I ran a sort of aviation quiz. Some of you have asked me to do it again, so in lieu of the airshows and events for January/February (of which there are not many) I am doing it this month. If you like it I can do it from time to time.

1. What is to be made at Independence Municipal Airport?
2. To the nearest 500, how many Beech King Airs have been sold?
3. Eliminate the odd aircraft from this group. Malibu Mirage, TBM 700, Cessna Caravan, PC-XII.
4. What was the name of the predecessor of Dassault aviation?
5. What did the name WACO come from?

Answers next month.





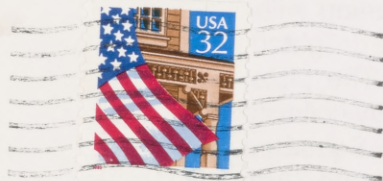
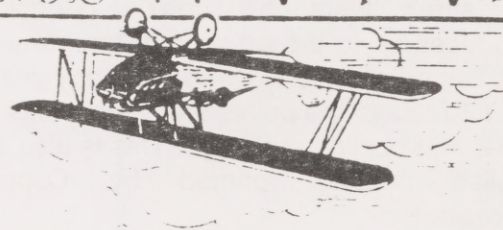
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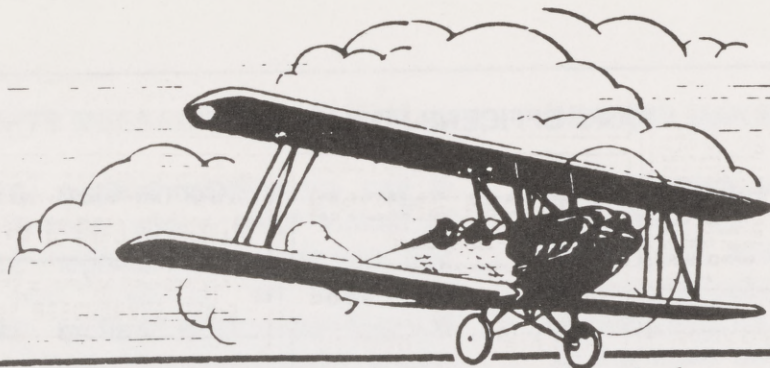
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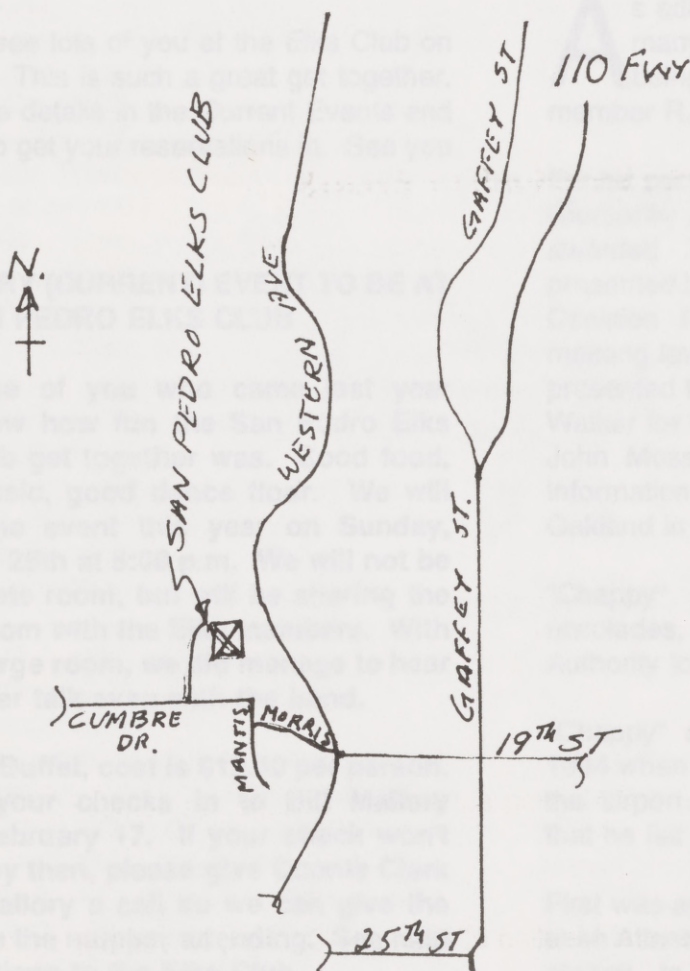
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Hope to see lots of you at the Elks Club on the 25th. This is such a great get together. Check the details in the Current Events and be sure to get your reservations in. See you there.

## FEBRUARY (CURRENT) EVENT TO BE AT THE SAN PEDRO ELKS CLUB

**T**hose of you who came last year know how fun the San Pedro Elks Club get together was. Good food, good music, good dance floor. We will repeat the event this year on Sunday, February 25th at 5:00 p.m. We will not be in a private room, but will be sharing the dining room with the Elks members. With such a large room, we did manage to hear each other talk even with the band.

This is a Buffet, cost is \$12.50 per person. So get your checks in to Bill Mallory before February 17. If your check won't make it by then, please give Connie Clark or Bill Mallory a call so we can give the Elks Club the number attending. See map for directions to the Elks Club.

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For his persistence in keeping an eye on the (Burbank) Airport Authority, "Chappy" was awarded The Citizen's Beacon Award, presented by the California First Amendment Coalition for his use of the state open meeting laws against the authority. He was presented the award along with author Alice Walker for her fight against censorship, and John Moss, for fathering the Freedom of Information Act. The ceremony took place in Oakland in September 1995.

"Chappy" says, "I don't want all the accolades, what I want is for the Airport Authority to start obeying the law."

"Chappy" sprang into action in February 1994 when at an illegally-scheduled meeting the airport commission made two motions that he felt were improper.

First was awarding of a concession contract to an Atlanta company convicted of funneling money to officials. The second, the destruction of the so-called Earhart-Hughes



Hangar, which opened in 1930.

With the occurrence of these two events, "Chappy" said, "This has got to stop." And as Terry Francke, executive director for California First Amendment Coalition said.

"He's been active particularly in keeping the airport body open, and if you're dealing in local government you're not going to be active on an issue on an international or cosmic level, but democracy starts at the grass roots, and government secrecy starts at the grass roots, too."

Living in Glendale I have had the opportunity to watch "Chappy" on our public access television. Let me tell you he gives them "hell" if they step out of line at a meeting.

Congratulations to my friend R.C. Czapiewski from all of the members of VAA.

### HUGE BOOK SALE

**O**n February 17 and 18, June Gay will be having a book sale of many of Leo's books. The time is 9:00 to 4:00, and June said this will be rain or shine! Included in the sale will be Airplane, Automobile, Trains, Military, World War II, Motorcycle, and Travel books, magazine sets, antique and various other miscellaneous books. Also military uniforms and memorabilia and much, much more. Don't miss this one. June's address is 1918 Florena Ct., Glendale. Phone 818/244-9787.

### FORMER MEMBER JACK PFIRMAN PASSES AWAY

**A**s this issue of the letter was being readied for the printer I heard of the passing of Jack Pfirman. Jack was a former member of the VAA and lived in Rosemead. More information will be in the March issue.

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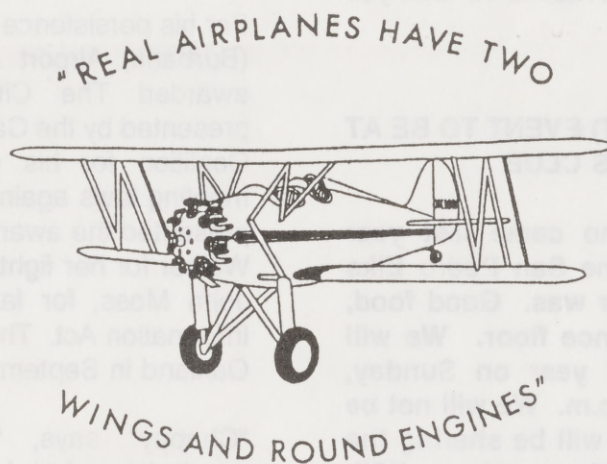
**O**ur March General Meeting will be held at Glendale Community College on the 15th. We will have an excellent program with a very special speaker. More information in the next letter.

### FROM THE EDITOR

**D**ues are due. I must tell you they are coming in at a good rate. Some are sending in more than the \$10.00 per couple for one year. One couple are even paid up until the year 2001 - this ain't no bull. Thank you all for taking care of your dues promptly.

Also, I thank those of you that have sent in pictures etc.

for the newsletter. I had some great pictures to run this time but the lithographer stood me up. The line drawing in this issue was sent in by Hal Sanders and I liked it so much that I have included it. Also, I found an old issue of Aviation Week (1957) and saw a page of the classified ads that might bring back memories to some of us that are getting "a





little long in the tooth." Hope you enjoy it.

I'm sure that many of you have either read or heard on the radio or TV about the possible demise of Fokker Aircraft. I have had many people say to me "Can you believe it?, Fokker is folding." I received from the Internet quite an article regarding Fokker, its history etc. Why am I even mentioning it? Well, another aircraft company "bites the dust". Fokker is probably the oldest aircraft manufacturer in the world, starting construction in 1909-10. In fact, Fokker was so successful that he started building airplanes in the United States. Most of us know that Knute Rockne was killed in the crash of a Fokker designed and built airplane. I believe that the cause of the crash was determined to be improper maintenance more than design and construction. John Underwood, correct me if I am wrong. Now in today's modern aviation arena, Fokker can no longer compete with BAE, Grumman, Bombardier and some of the other corporate and short haul aircraft builders. Fokker may be saved, but they may also fold for sure. Too bad.

I hope you were able to see the video documentary of the attempted recovery of the B-29 "Kee Bird" in Greenland. It was quite well done, done well enough that I was cold when they were, concerned when they were. In other words, I really got into it. They not only fought the cold, but a balky Caribou shuttle aircraft gave them trouble. If you have not seen it find someone that has a copy, you will enjoy it.

Answers to questions in the last issue.

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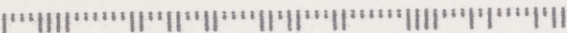
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- Mark Twain

## AIRSHOWS AND EVENTS

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| Feb 24-25 | EAA Chapter One Open House, Flabob Airport.<br>Contact 909/686-1318.                                   |
| Mar 1-3   | 39th Annual Cactus Fly-in, Casa Grande.<br>Contact 602/830-9670  |
| Mar 9     | Free Flight for Kids 8-17, Young Eagle Day at EAA Chapter One. Flabob Airport.<br>Contact 909/686-1318 |
| Mar 16    | Big Band/USO Show fund raiser. CAF hangar, Falcon Field, Mesa AZ.<br>Contact 602/924-1940              |
| Mar 16    | 50th Aniv. Of Blue Angeles, NAF El Centro.<br>Contact 619/339-2481                                     |
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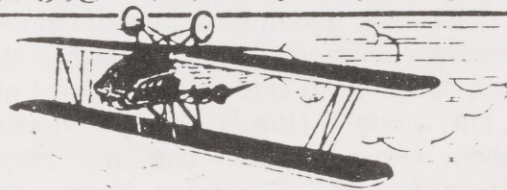
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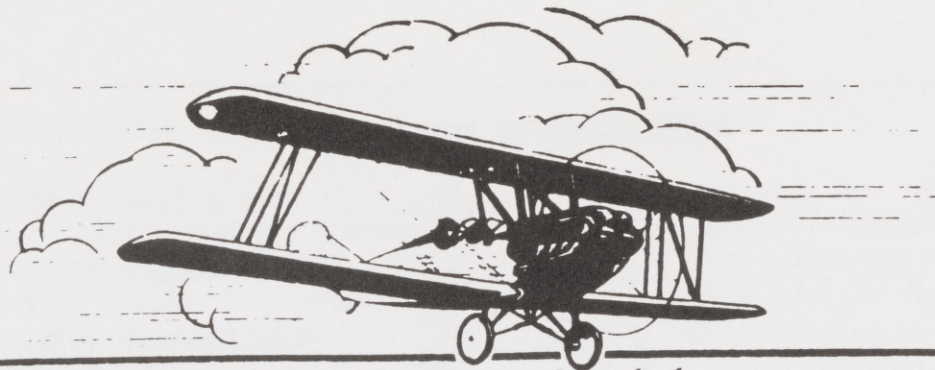
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**BUFFET AT THE SAN PEDRO ELKS CLUB**

**FEBRUARY 25, 5:00 P.M.**





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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**T**he Elks Club did it again - or can we really credit them with the spectacular view their location provides. Under high scattered clouds, the weather was "severe clear". You could see forever! The skyscrapers in downtown Los Angeles stood out so beautifully, the late afternoon sun shining on them. The entire L.A. Basin and coastline and half way to San Diego was in view. The mountains with their new snow were gorgeous. Several of our members stood out on the balcony, overlooking the swimming pool, just to enjoy the view even though it was cold out there. The Arctic Express was indeed functioning. Inside, however, all was toasty and warm with a wonderful buffet, good friends and good music. We learned how to dance the "YMCA", by watching at least. And the band was so versatile. One solo sounded just like Louis Armstrong, or was it Jimmy Durante? It was really great. We had a great turnout, and hope to see all of you on the 15th for our very interesting speaker.

## FRED ATKINS TO SPEAK AT MARCH MEETING

**W**e are fortunate to have Mr. Fred Atkins as our speaker this month. Mr Atkins has a long involvement with aviation. He worked for Douglas prior to and during WWII, where he knew "Wrong Way Corrigan". He was CFO of Viking Airlines flying WWII surplus C-47's out of Burbank Airport. He was CEO of Central Airtransport also flying out of Burbank. He was also a VP of Aerospacelines when they developed the "Pregnant Guppy". I know that you will not want to miss this interesting speaker. Remember, March 15, 7:30 p.m. at Glendale College.

## IN MEMORIAM

**A**s mentioned in last months newsletter, we had just received news that Jack Pfirman had passed on, on February 2nd. Member Sheldon Jacobs who now lives in Seattle, called us with the news and also gave us the following information on Jacks busy career. Jack learned to fly in 1928 or 29 in a Lincoln Biplane. In the late 1930's, Jack was a civilian flight instructor under contract to the U.S. Army in California and Texas. His civilian work was involved with Hollywood and Brien O'Hearn and Wallace Beery were part of the group of pilots that Jack flew with for fun activities - usually up to Big Bear. Jack owned a Beech Staggerwing before WWII. He was the film editor for Cleve Roberts for six years. Jack also worked on the M2 restoration project, as the leader of the team restoring the wings. His Memorial Service was held on February 14th.

## BOOK SALE A SUCCESS

**J**une Gay reports that her Book Sale went quite well. We knew that Leo had collected a lot of books, but it was certainly interesting to see the variety. We had hoped to have some club members there, and it was fun that we did. While we didn't see how many books Hark and Helen Markarian went home with, I can tell you that what John Underwood and Ed Clark didn't buy, Chappy did! Did Pam let you in the house with all those books Chappy? Actually, there were indeed some very special books to be had, and I picked up several myself. June tells us that the remainder of the books will be going to a book store in Burbank. We hope the members who attended enjoyed their selections, and June thanks you all for coming. (Connie Clark)



## CHANNING CLARK FEATURED IN BURBANK LEADER

Our famous Channing Clark was featured in an article in the Burbank Leader. A good picture of Channing and his Fleetwings Sea Bird was included. I understand we have Chappy to thank for calling Channing to the attention of the newspaper, as an important part of the Aviation Community in Burbank. Right-on, Channing.

By now, I'm sure most everyone knows that Channing has sold his Sea Bird. It has been bought by a collector and was flown to Orlando, Florida. Ultimately the aircraft will go to Minneapolis and will be kept flying. This collector owns two Ford Tri-Motors, the Waco "Windharp" formerly owned by Bob Hathaway of Santa Paula, and a scrap heap of parts which will be used for patterns to reconstruct a Leoning Commuter - which was an early amphibian design by Grover Leoning. The new owner hired a professional pilot named Joe to fly the Sea Bird to Orlando. On Joe's business card it states that in 1960 he made the highest parachute jump, from 102,800 feet. Channing said he must have taken his lunch along! A letter from Joe after the flight stated that he made 12 stops on the way, making the trip in 12.5 flying hours. He also mentioned that the engine performed flawlessly, and that many people recognized the Sea Bird during the trip. Joe also thanked Channing for putting such a magnificent airplane in the air.

John Crittenden was at Whiteman Airport with Channing when the Sea Bird left and he and Earl and Dorothy Collins provided Channing with a Champagne celebration. It's hard to imagine Channing without his beloved Sea Bird, but Channing said it is time to part with it, and "he is delighted and his sister is overjoyed".

A bit of history - Channing acquired the Sea Bird in October, 1963. He test flew it in

October, 1967. Almost 33 years of ownership and 29 years of flying the same airplane. A couple of fellows who helped so much with this project were Bill Hitt, who donated a lot of his time to the Sea Bird in restoration and maintenance, Norman Kneuls, a former student of Channings when he taught at Glendale College, who worked for 2 1/2 years to help get the Sea Bird flying. There is so much more that could be said about Channing and his Sea Bird, but there just isn't room in this newsletter. Meanwhile lots of us have lots of good memories. Congratulations Channing. (Connie Clark)

## SANTA YNEZ

It's never too soon to think about Santa Ynez, and we hope you have noticed the dates in our newsletter Calendar section, July 12, 13, and 14. If you didn't make your motel reservations before leaving Solvang last year, you might be interested in a special price the VAA has been offered by Andersons in Buelton. The rate is \$56.00 per room, single or double. Call them at 805/688-3216 and be sure and tell them you are with the Vintage Aeroplane Association.

For those of you who would like to rent a car at Santa Ynez Airport, the person to call is Shirley, at Santa Ynez Air Center. They have 14 vehicles, 3 of which are Vans. Perhaps some of you would like to go together on a Van. Her phone number is 800/293-2437.

## FROM THE EDITOR

I want to thank Dave Bean for arranging the event at the San Pedro Elk's Club. We all thank you. If you didn't make it, and we are fortunate enough to do it again, go. Connie said it all in her message, it was fantastic.

I am sure that most of you have heard of the passing of General Adolph Galland. He



passed away in his sleep at his home in Germany on February 17. I had the fortune of meeting General Galland several times at dinners sponsored by the Art Dealer, Virginia Bader. He was a wonderfully delightful man, one that I enjoyed talking with. And now another true gladiator has gone.

I just read in World Airpower Journal (spring 1995 issue) that the FAI has ratified a new altitude record for turbojet landplanes, of 90,092 feet. This was set by a MIG-29 flown by Mikoyan's Chief Test Pilot on April 26, 1995. The old record of 85,069 feet was held by an SR-71. The attempt and record was little noted by Mikoyan, in fact it had so little publicity that many wonder why they even tried for the record.

Once again I make my plea for interesting things to put in the newsletter. I especially need good pictures. Some of you (Hal Sanders and Frank Schermerhorn) have sent some really good ones in, and I am starting to use them as space dictates. Thank you.

Also, keep the dues coming in. We are really doing quite well, however, some of you are behind and I may drop you a personal note to remind you. It is vital to the life of the VAA to get the dues collected. Our total operating budget comes from dues alone. Also, as soon as the bulk of the dues are paid, I will finish the VAA Membership Directory and have it available.

We need also to have a list of potential speakers at our meetings. I suggest that if you know someone, contact them and see if they are willing, give them a time frame, and then we can contact them for the engagement as needed. If you know of someone, please let Connie or me know, thank you for your help.

## APRIL SOCIAL TO BE AT THE HERMAN'S

**W**e will gather at Marc and Royan Herman's for a pot luck on April 20, at 4:30 p.m. Please mark this date now. You really don't want to miss this event. Again, we will watch the horses come in for the evening. There will be more on this in the next newsletter. Also, I will include a map. (John Madison, I will give you GPS positions this time).

## BADGES

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## TEASE YOUR BRAIN

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## PHOTO CREDIT

The cover picture was sent in by Hal Sanders. It is a beautiful restoration of a WWII T'Craft. It is owned by Paul Taipale of Crest Airport, Washington. Thanks Hal.

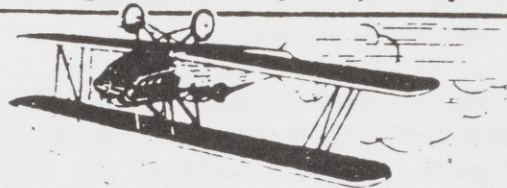


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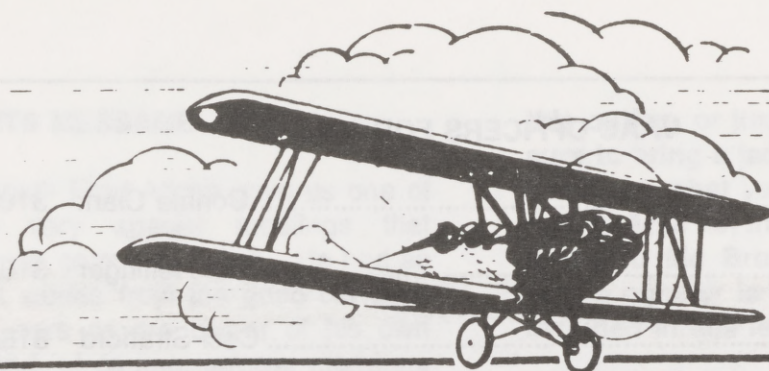
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Last month Fred Atkins gave us one of those very special meetings that everyone enjoys so much. He had so many great stories from the good old days about his years as the owner of his own Airlines. And, of course, several members knew some of the people and events he spoke about and the questions flowed. A couple of members even remember flying on one of his airlines.

I have to relate one of the stories he told us. When his Airline was flying a very special DC-4, N90910, he promised family and friends that he would provide a free trip to Las Vegas as soon as the time opened up in their flying schedule. On the appointed day with all the seats full, including invited FAA guests, Fred announced that the pilots had not arrived from Oakland, but he had called the Santa Fe Railroad and gotten two fellows who knew their way to Las Vegas and back and had been doing it for twenty years! At this point the pilots came aboard wearing Train-men uniforms. They walked up the aisle to the cockpit with one of them carrying a train lantern and the other an oil can with a spout a foot long! Yes, it was a fun meeting.

Remember to give Marc and Royan a call for our Pot Luck. And Marc has a special message - The price of admission for the Fosselamans is Pumpkin Ice Cream! You can tell Marc loves it. See you there.

## APRIL POT LUCK AT THE HERMAN'S

Our event for the month of April will be another one of those fantastic evenings at Marc and Royans. For those of you who have been there before, you know the drill. The horses come in from pasture at 4:30, and it is quite an experience to witness this event. Cowboy boots and jeans are always in style for

this outing, or just dress casually and be sure to bring a jacket. Call Royan and let her know what you will be bringing. The date is April 20, the time 4:30, the address is 10330 Mc Broom, Shadow Hills, the phone number is 818/553-3467. A map is included in this letter.

## A REQUEST

Father Pat McPolin of the Dominguez Seminary, whom several of you know, is adding on to his Museum of the 1910 Dominguez Air Meet. This was the first Air Meet held in the USA. The addition to this Museum will be about the Early Birds. The Early Birds were those early pilots. To qualify for membership they needed to fly by 1916. Our P.H. "Spence" Spencer was one of the Early Bird members, and now I understand the last of the original Early Birds has passed on.

Father Pat is looking especially for audio tapes of any of the Early Birds - to have a voice to hear as you look at his picture. Anything you might have along this line, please call Father Pat at 310/631-5981. (Connie Clark)

## THE VINTAGE ENTHUSIAST'S DREAM COMES TRUE

This letter comes to us from members Lars and Barbara de Jounge. "Carmel Valley Airport, Monterey Peninsula, CA, 062 is now in the hands of 'antiquers', who have renamed it Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield. After two years of negotiations, Lars and Barbara de Jounge have entered into a 103 year land lease with the owners of the private airfield. Since October 1995, improvements have taken place, like repair to the runway and drainage system, fencing, as well as tree trimming.

The taxi-way, closed since the flood of '95, looks great and is soon to open. While



many improvements are important, the long term success in saving the field for airplane use is dependent upon the new tenants ability to develop five hangar home sites. We hope to have home sites to offer to qualified leasers soon with known and proven interest in vintage planes. The successful outcome of the project has gotten closer to a reality when in late January the second well drilled was completed and possibly will be able to provide the required water for the planned hangar/homes.

The scenic setting of the 55 year old field, the gorgeous climate and the close proximity to attractions such as Carmel-by-the-Sea, Pebble Beach and Monterey Peninsula will surely bring enjoyment to the few vintage enthusiasts who can be accommodated.

For further information contact Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield, P.O. Box 683, Carmel Valley, CA 93924, telephone 408/659-0860, Fax 408/659-CVVA."

## WINGS & WHEELS

**W**ings and Wheels is still several months away but we want you to keep it in mind. Remember, the dates July 12 thru 14. Some of you have complained that the dates interfere with the Van Nuys Air Show. We realize that most any date chosen will conflict with some other event. You must understand, the Wings and Wheels event involves at least three different groups, this is the best schedule we can come up with that satisfies the most people. Next month we will include the mail-in form for Wings and Wheels registration information.

Here are the hotels/motels in the area that accommodate us for this event.

Andersons 805/688-3216  
King Frederic Inn 805/688-5515  
Royal Copenhagen 805-624-6604  
Santa Ynez Valley Inn 805/688-1000

Sanja Cota 805/688-5525

Also, here is the phone number of the car rental service:

Santa Ynez Air Center - Shirley 805/293-2437.

## FROM THE EDITOR

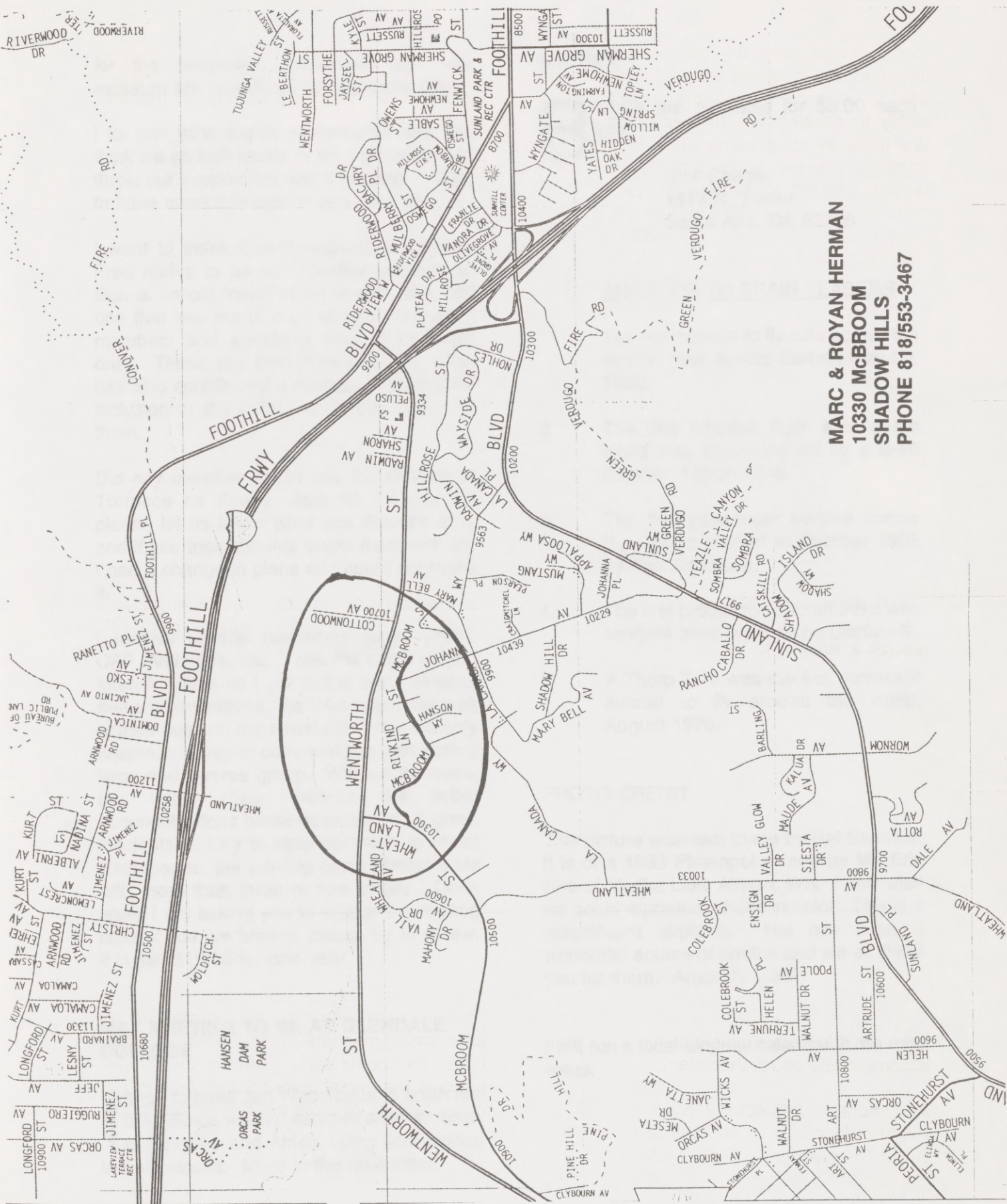
**M**any of you are familiar with the large dome in the Pierce Brothers Valhalla Memorial Park just off the end of the Burbank Airport runway, south of Empire Ave. However, did you know it is dubbed the Portal of the Folded Wings? Also, did you know that there are buried there thirteen of the most famous aviators of all time?

Under this dome are buried Bertrand Acosta, Walter Brookins, Mark Campbell, Col. Warren Eaton, Bertrom Kinner, Roy Knabenshue, Elizabeth McQueen, John Moisant, Matilde Moisant, Floyd Smith, Hilder Smith, Carl Squier, and Charles Taylor. If you are not familiar with these names, you should look them up. Charles Taylor for instance was the technician that built the Wright Brothers engine, and is considered the first Airplane and Engine Mechanic in the USA. Acosta was the co-pilot with Adm. Byrd on the attempt to fly from New York to France in 1927. Matilde Moisant was the second licensed women pilot in the USA. The rest are up to you.

Pierce Brothers Valhalla saw a marketing opportunity, and in January hired Giacinta Koontz, an aviation historian to develop a museum in the portal's columns and market the land surrounding the monument as the perfect resting place for pilots, flight attendants, mechanics, and other aviation buffs. As Koontz says, "There is not a single place in the entire United States where this many famous aviators are buried together."

The portal now is undergoing extensive earthquake repairs. An unveiling ceremony





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for the renovated monument and new museum are scheduled for Memorial Day.

I for one think this is a wonderful idea and think we as individuals or as a group should throw our support her way if needed. I hope to have more information at a later date.

I want to thank Don Armstrong for inviting Fred Atkins to be our speaker last month. Don is an old friend of mine and VAA and one that has put in a lot of effort recruiting members and speakers (this is the third one). Thank you Don from all of us. Don has also contributed a number of photos for inclusion in the letter, thank you again for them.

Did any member get to see the GlaStar at Torrance on Friday, April 5? If you did please let us know what you thought of it, and if you took pictures share them with us. I had a change in plans and could not make it.

I receive several newlstters each month, CAF, Antiquers, etc. I see the same plea in them for dues as I put in this one. Most of these organizations, like VAA spend the bulk of their dues on the newsletter. It is the only reasonable way to communicate with such a large and diverse group. Without the dues, the letter dies, without the letter communications break-down and so it goes. Incidentally, I try to keep our letter to about three pages, the printing costs almost triple with more than three or four pages. Once again I am asking you to look at the mailing label, if you are behind, please try to renew. It is just \$10.00 for one year.

#### **MAY MEETING TO BE AT GLENDALE COLLEGE**

I hope to have Jan Wood back to finish her talk. Since we last saw her she has been to Australia and Africa, flying float-planes in both places. More in the next letter.

#### **BADGES**

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#### **PHOTO CREDIT**

This picture was sent to me by Hal Sanders. It is of a 1933 Pietenpol owned by Mr. Eric Aho of Martha Lake Airport, WA. I only wish we could reproduce these in color. This is a magnificent airplane. Hal has been a wonderful source of photos and we all thank you for them. Anybody else?

I will run a local airshow calendar in the next issue.

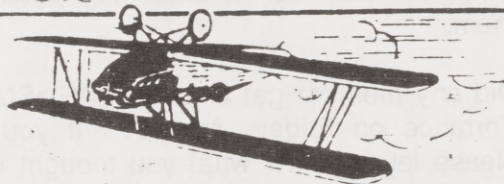


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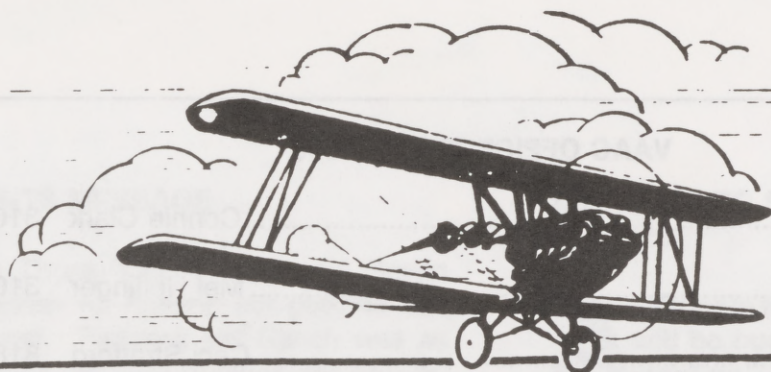
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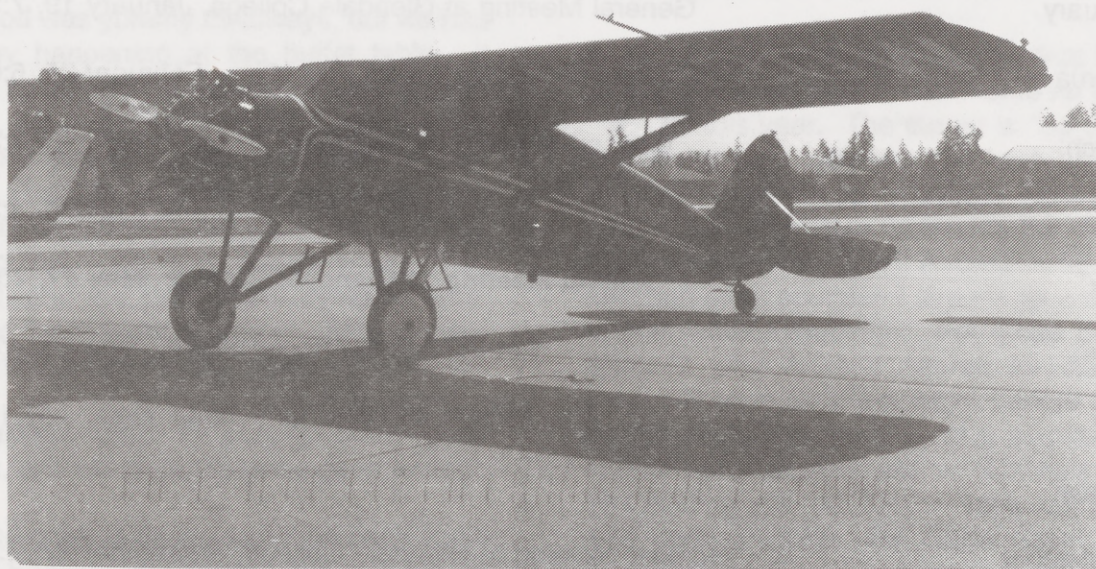
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**A** big Thank You to Marc and Royan Herman for hosting our pot-luck last month. Peacock Hill Ranch was as lovely as ever, and the weather was perfect. A few Peacocks even came out to look us over.

The arrival of the horses from pasture was quite different this year. Instead of coming in and going straight to their stables, they took one look at all of us, and went anywhere else. The reason, we found out, was that the Herman's mare was not there to lead them in. She is recuperating from a broken jaw due to another horse having kicked her. After the horses were taken firmly in hand and directed toward their stalls, a beautiful Arabian came prancing by showing off for all he was worth. And came by again - and again and again. I felt we should have applauded. Royan said he would have loved it. Such majesty!

The food was yummy as always, but we had a funny happening at the buffet table. It wasn't totally evident where the line began or ended, going clear around the table as it did, so some people entered in wherever they could. That was fine until we discovered that we were all just standing there - no one was moving out - as that wasn't where they started, and the people still trying to enter blocked them from going on. After a good laugh, things got moving again.

It is always great to see so many good friends, and we certainly had a good turnout.

It will be great to have Jan Wood back again as our Speaker this month. Not only for the slides we didn't see, but she has had a whole new bunch of adventures. Hope to see you all at the meeting.

## JAN WOOD TO SPEAK AT MAY MEETING

**A**s Connie has mentioned, Jan Wood will be our speaker at the May 17th meeting. She will finish up from where her projector failed last time. Also, Jan has just returned from flying in Africa and New Zealand. She flew floatplanes in both places. I am sure she will have some pictures and some stories to tell about these latest trips. Please mark May 17th at 7:30 p.m. at Glendale College. You don't want to miss Jan, she is fantastic.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**C**ongratulations to Sid and Jean Cherniss on the celebration of their forty fifth Wedding Anniversary last month.

## HAWTHORNE AIR FAIRE

**W**e are happy to announce that there will be another Hawthorne Air Faire this year. The theme is "Up Close and Personal". Always the best Warbird gathering in the West. The dates are August 24 and 25. They plan on having the Victory Flight once more - WWII Aircraft flying over LAX and other southland airports as a salute to our Aviation Heritage. For those of you flying in your Antique Aircraft for display, there will be a Saturday night hangar party for the pilots this year. And it sounds like lots of fun - straight out of "Casablanca". The setting will be Rick's Cafe, complete with gaming tables, the piano player, etc. Costumes of the era are encouraged. So get out your video movie and get prepared. Fez's will be in style too. More on this later. (Connie Clark)



## SANTA YNEZ

**T**hings are coming along nicely for Santa Ynez. We hope you have made your Motel reservations by now, and car reservation's if you want one. The registration form is enclosed in this newsletter, and we hope that you will fill it out and sent it in as soon as possible. Keith Smith has a lot of work to do on his end, assigning pilots to cars, making badges, etc. Keith requests that you make your reservation, even if there is any doubt that you can make it. He said that it would be a lot easier to refund your money if you need to cancel, than to make a late reservation. So get those reservations in early. And see you there.

Hotels/motels in the Santa Ynez area that accommodate us for Wings and Wheels.

Andersons 805/688-3216  
King Frederic Inn 805/688-5516  
Royal Copenhagen 805/624-6604  
Santa Ynez Valley Inn 805/688-1000  
Sanja Cota 805/688-5525

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## FROM THE EDITOR

**P**utting on my treasurer's hat for a minute, the dues are still coming in and we are almost at one hundred percent on paid-up dues. For those of you that still owe, I once again plead with you to get those checks in the mail. We need you, and we need your dues. If you are more than twelve months behind, this will be your last newsletter unless I hear from you. Check your mailing label for the expiration date.

Several of you have called me with names of

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Thanks to all of you that have sent pictures in for possible printing in the letter. Thanks to Mel Hoefflinger for one that I won't include. Good picture however. I will bring it to the next meeting.

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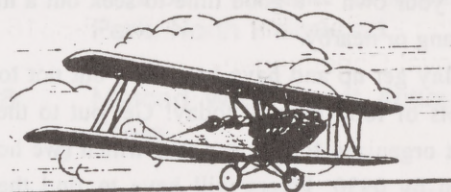
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It seems like every week we read of the passing of another aviation great. I am speaking of the Vickers and Supermarine Test Pilot, Jeffrey Quill. Mr. Quill passed away recently. He had a long and brilliant career in aviation, and is most famous for his test flying of the Spitfire. He flew every model and mark that Supermarine produced. In addition, he was the author of two fine books and numerous articles.

Also, Charles Anderson who taught so many of the Tuskegee Airmen to fly passed away in April. All of the Tuckege Airmen that I have talked with said he was the greatest. It is said that he had a stray dog named Yoyo. He would send Yoyo up with a pilot, if the dog refused to fly with them again, he knew the pilot was not ready to solo.

I have finally up-dated the Membership Roster and can send you one. If you want one, send a self addressed envelope with appropriate postage and I will get it in the mail to you.

#### **JUNE POT LUCK TO BE AT THE FOSSELMAN'S**

**G**oody goody, its ice cream time again. Our June event will be a pot luck at Jim and Kay Fosselman's. The date, June 23 at 4:30 p.m. We will have more in the next letter. Let me tell you, you had better block this date out because this is a really super event.

#### **BADGES**

If you need a VAA badge, you may obtain one for \$5.00 from:

Dick Beagle  
1417 N. Tower  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

#### **AIRSHOWS AND EVENTS**

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| May 17-19  | Gathering of Luscombes, Columbia, CA.  |
| May 18     | Fightertown Festival/Armed Forces Day celebration. NAS Miramar.  |
| May 24-26  | Watsonville Antique Fly-In.  |
| May 27     | Re-Dedication, Portal of the Folded Wings shrine to aviation, Valhalla Memorial Park, North Hollywood. |
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#### **PHOTO CREDIT**

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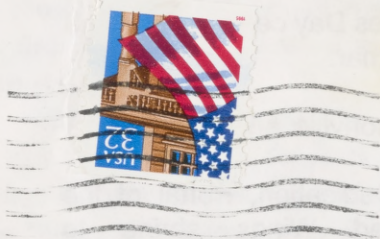
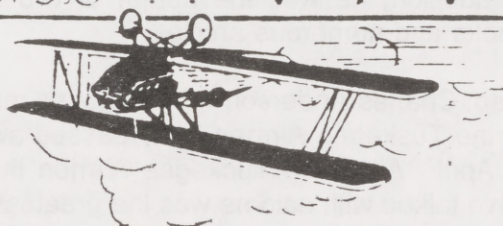


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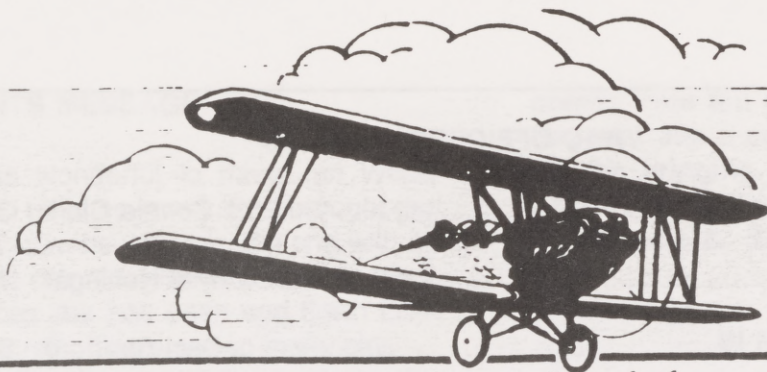
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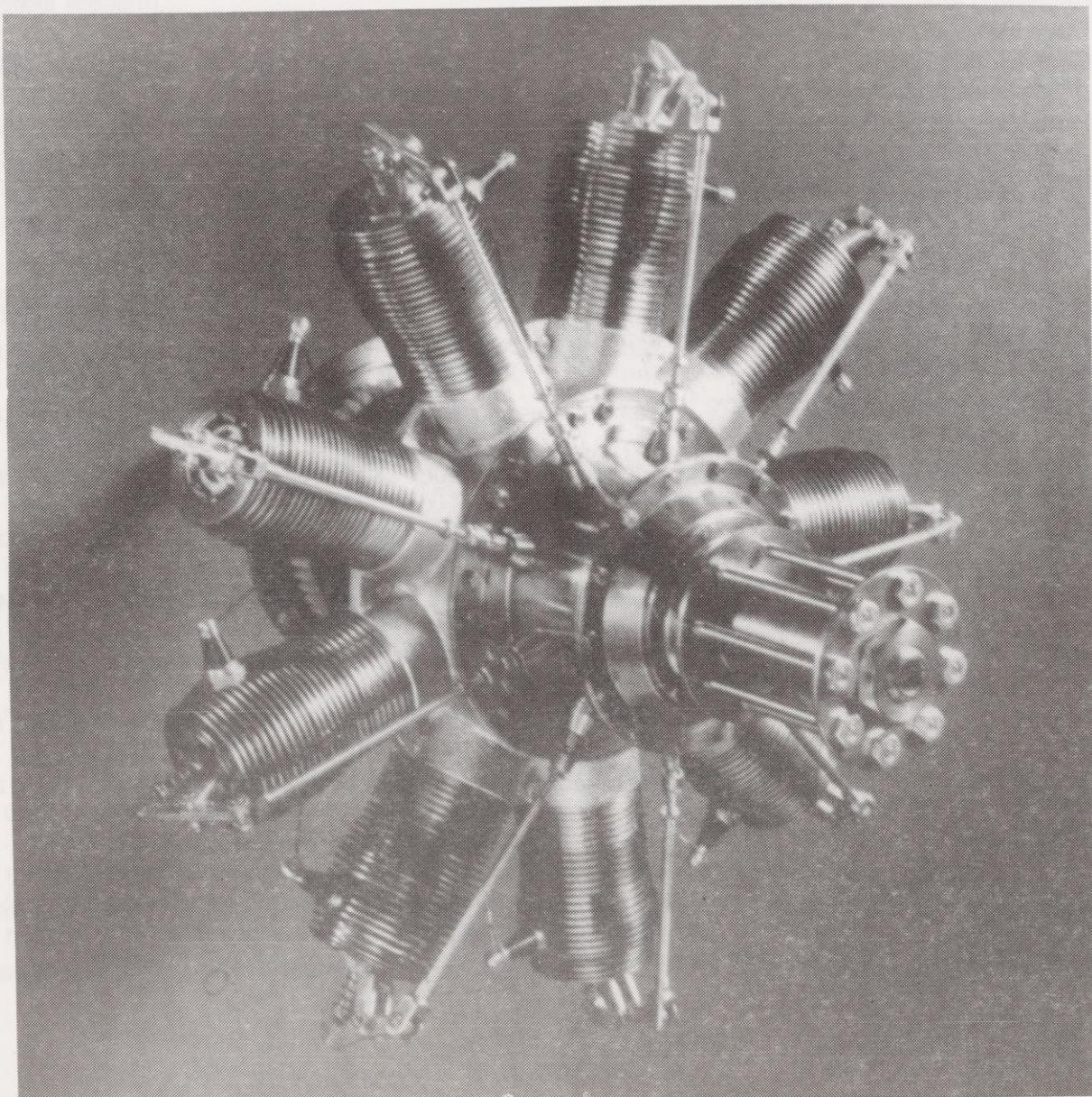
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### 1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February	Buffet at the San Pedro Elk's Club, February 25, 5:00 p.m.
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April	Pot luck at the Herman's, April 20, 4:30 p.m.
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July	"Wings and Wheels", Santa Ynez, July 12,13,14
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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**I**t was so wonderful to have Jan Wood back with us once more. She brought her map of the world with her, the one with all the different colored stick pins on it to mark all the places she has been and flown to in her own aircraft. There are so many pins on that map! But the ones I like best are the white pins. They indicate the places she still want to go to, such as the South Pole and the Galapagos Islands. It's wonderful to still want to do all this when you are up in your seventies! Her color slides and narration were so interesting. Especially her narration - she is so funny. And we learned so much about the countries she flew through on her over-a-year long trip in her Cessna. T'was a great meeting.

Mark your calendars now for our next two Pot Lucks. This month at the Fosselman's and Ceci Stratford's in August, on the 11th. Be sure to give Kay a call and let her know what you'll be bringing to this one. And get ready for their great **Ice Cream**.

## HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

**S**o sorry to have reported a very special anniversary incorrectly. It was the fault of the Pres. And not ye old Editor. Sid and Jean Cherniss have recently celebrated their 55th Anniversary, not the 45th as reported. The very best to both of you.

## JUNE POT LUCK AT THE FOSSELMAN'S

**T**his month we will once again gather at Jim and Kay Fosselman's for one of those special Pot Luck's. The date is June 23, at 4:30 p.m. Kay tells me that this will be a VAA Italian event. This means we will probably not get ice cream, instead Spumoni. She also told me that much of the help with their fine Pot Luck's

comes from Sid and Jean Cherniss. Give Kay and Jim a call to tell them what you will be bringing. The phone number is 818/284-8642. The address is 520 Alahmar St., Alhambra. See you there.

## IN MEMORIUM

**E**laine Smith, whom many of us know was fighting cancer for so many years, has passed on. She left us on May 21, of a reaction to her third chemotherapy. Elaine and her husband Keith also belonged to a Model A Car Club, and at her Memorial Service, members drove their Antique cars in her memory, including Elaine's own car. Elaine was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia in 1924. She and Keith met during their Junior year in High School and were married one year after graduation. Elaine was a private pilot and flew their Taylorcraft and Stinson 108. She also had a Hot Air Balloon Rating, and they had joint ownership in a balloon in the 1970's. They also were active with the Lockheed Employee's Hot Air Balloon Club.

Many of us remember when Elaine and Keith renewed their marriage vows on their 50th Anniversary in 1993 at Wings and Wheels, with our own Judge Sid Cherniss officiating.

We would like to express our sympathies to Keith, and we are fortunate that still intends to take our registration for Wings and Wheels. We will miss you Elaine. (Connie Clark)

## HAWTHORNE AIR FAIRE AUGUST 24 - 25

**T**he Hawthorne Air Faire will be featuring aircraft this year from the 1946 era - those celebrating their 50th Anniversary. Especially invited are those aircraft in original colors and with NC Registration numbers. So bring your Stinsons, Navions, Ercoupes, Luscombes,



Cessnas, early Bonanzas, etc. Of course other Antiques are welcome as well. Call John Culver at 310/539-3640 for registration information if you haven't received your packet yet. John also requests that you bring your own information board if you have one. Also, remember the Friday evening BBQ and the Saturday night party for Pilots. (Connie Clark)

## SANTA YNEZ

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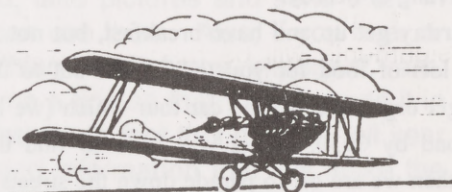
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Don Armstrong will be in charge, so look for him, if you need a ride. And bring the phone number for the Cab with you too.

### MOTELS FOR WINGS AND WHEELS

If you have not made your Motel reservations yet, Andersons in Buelton has offered us a special rate of \$56.00 per night. These special rates will be held until June 28 only. Call them at 805/688-3216 and be sure to tell them you are with VAA.

Also, the following:

King Frederick Inn	805/688-5515
Royal Copenhagen	805/624-6604
Santa Ynez Valley Inn	805/688-1000
Sanja Cota	805/688-5525

The car rental service is

Santa Ynez Air Center - be sure and ask for Shirley. 805/688-2574 or 800/293-2437

### LEO'S PLAQUE

Plans are coming along nicely for the placement of Leo's Memorial Plaque, even though the location is still not final. The problem is that the Airport Office will be expanding, and their plans are not finalized as yet. However, the Santa Ynez EAA Chapter has obtained permission to start on their "Memorial Corner", with the hopes that it will not need to be moved. But just in case, they are making it moveable. They plan a low wall close to the fence on the front lawn of the Airport Office, with space for the Plaques (there are at this time two or three others) and a waterfall type fountain. Eventually they hope to have a bench, and when they know the placement is permanent, a much welcomed shade tree. It all sounds quite nice, and they hope to have it at least partially completed by Wings and Wheels, so look for it. (Connie Clark)

### FROM THE EDITOR

Wheh! Lots and lots of Wings and Wheels information huh? Remember, this is the most important event of the year, the one time when most of the club can be together. So as Connie has said, see you there.

If you are going to Santa Ynez and have not paid your dues yet, bring an extra \$10.00 I promise you, I will be looking for those few members that have not paid.

Also, for those that have not been to the Fosselman's for a Pot Luck, please try and make this one. It is really a great event.

I have the current roster of VAA members ready and will send you one if you send a SASE.

I would like to print an issue of the newsletter devoted to Wings and Wheels. If you attend, take pictures and send them in so that I can use them. Also, if you hear or see something that is funny, important, rare, etc. drop me a line so that I can include it in the newsletter. In fact this goes for all year long. I need information that will make the newsletter interesting to all. Thank you.

Several months ago, Frank Compton suggested we run a series of pictures of airplanes, and asking the members to identify them. I thought it would be a good idea and so Frank put this group of pictures together. There are three pages of them, I am running only one this time because of space and printing costs. I will run the remaining ones next month. See how you do, no grades, no scores. Thanks Frank for all your hard work doing this.

A word about the cover picture. This is an actual photo of a 1/4 scale Gnome Rotary Engine. It is manufactured by Replica Engines of Michigan. They also have a 1/4 scale Offenhauser, and an Ox5. I have

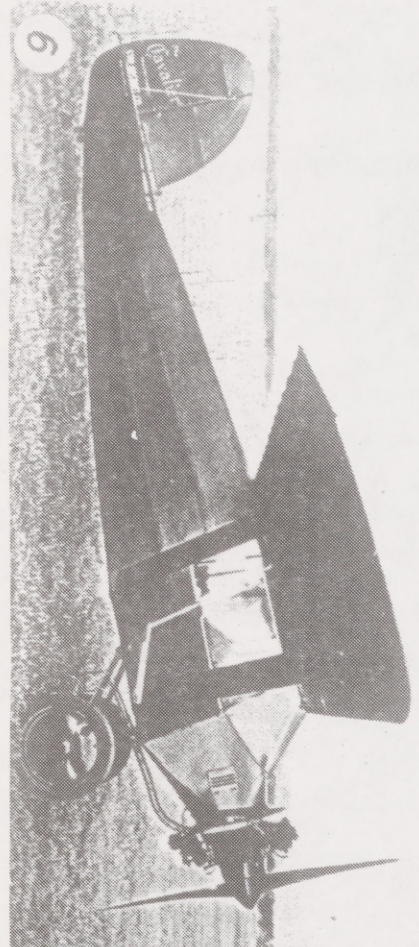
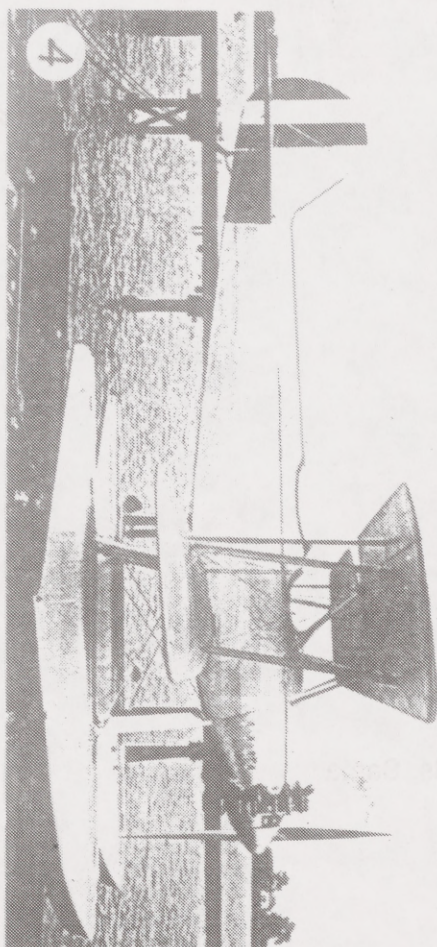
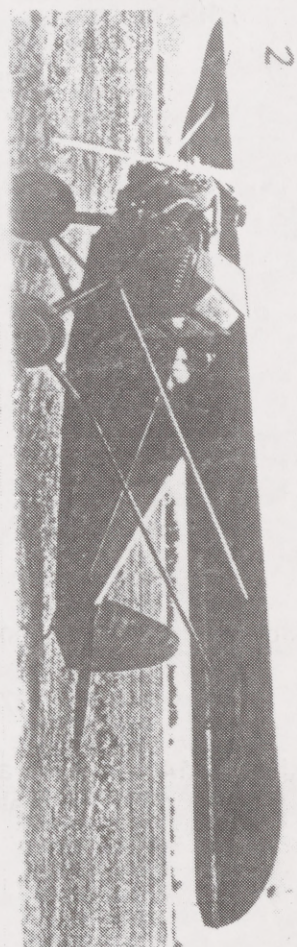
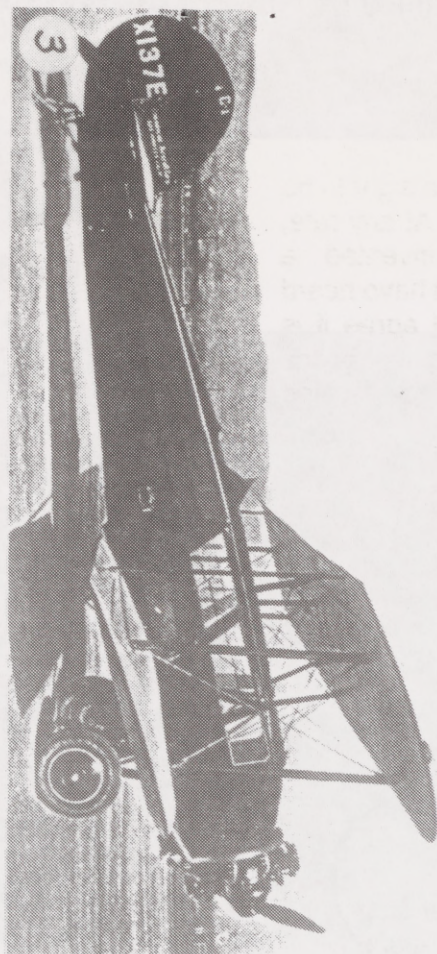
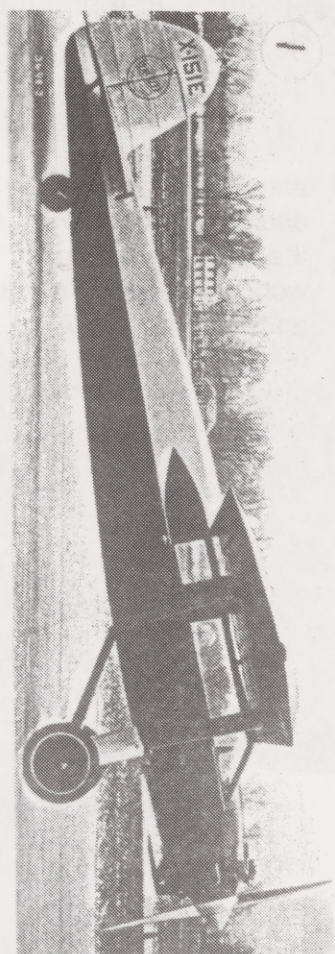


always been amazed by the Rotary engine and recall someone saying "It is a sight to be seen and a wonder to behold." At any rate, the brothers Seguin really invented a wonderful engine. For those that have heard and seen a rotary run, you will agree it is really something. Replica engines builds these little engines including scaled carburetors, magnetos, etc. The Gnome is to exact scale and has a displacement of 3.97 CI, and turns a 24.10 inch prop at 2400 RPM. They are a little pricy but when I win the lottery - - -. Thought you might enjoy a picture of a truly wonderful model of a truly great early engine.

#### AIRSHOWS AND EVENTS

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| June 14-16 | Father's Day Fly-In, Camarillo Airport.                              | July 20      | Solano Air Fair, Nut Tree Airport, Vacaville, CA.               |
| June 15    | Eagle Field Dinner Dance/ Reunion. 209/392-2025.                     | July 20      | EAA Chapter 704 Air Fair, Susanville Airport. 916/257-0334      |
| June 15-16 | EAA Chapter 723, So Cal Wing CAF Fly-In Airshow. Camarillo Airport.  | August 3     | Douglas SBD-5, The Air Museum, Planes of Fame, Chino, CA.       |
| June 21-23 | Trukee-Tahoe Airshow and EAA Fly-In, Trukee, CA.                     | August 10    | Air Expo '96, Yuba County Airport, Marysville, CA. 916/741-6463 |
| June 22-23 | Paso Robles Airshow, 805/467-3521                                    | August 16-18 | NAS Miramar Airshow.  |
| June 29-30 | Ukiah Airshow Fly-In, Ukiah Regional Airport. 707/462-5365           | August 16-18 | Warbird Roundup, Santa Maria Museum of Flight.                  |
| July 6     | North American FJ-3 Fury, The Air Museum, Planes of Fame, Chino, CA. | August 17-18 | Tehachapi Mountain Festival Fly-In, Tehachapi Airport.          |
| July 6     | Oakwood Lake Resort Airshow, Manteca, CA 909/597-3722                | August 17-18 | Wings, Wheels and Power Show, Madera County Airport.            |
| July 12-14 | Wings and Wheels, Santa Ynez Airport.                                | August 23-15 | West Coast Fairchild Fly-In, Paso Robles, CA.                   |
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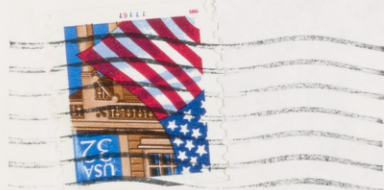
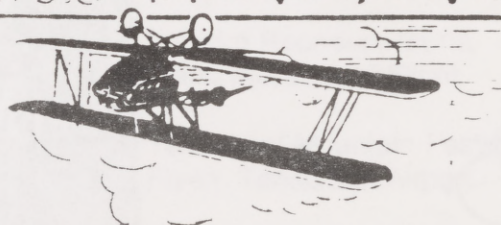


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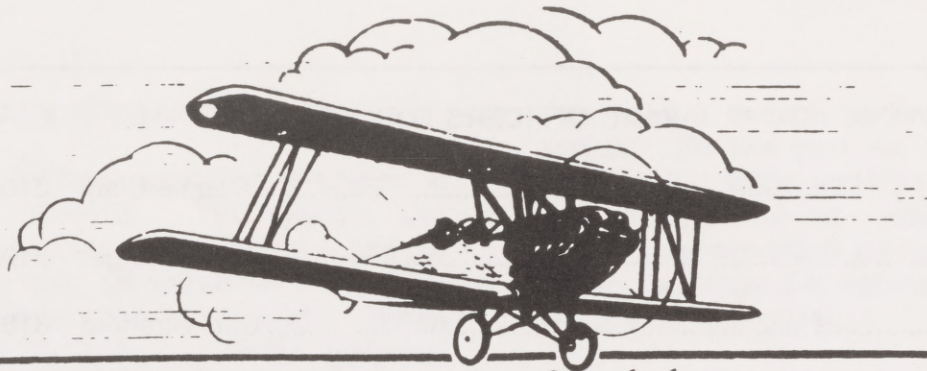
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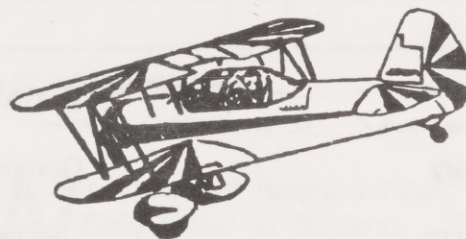
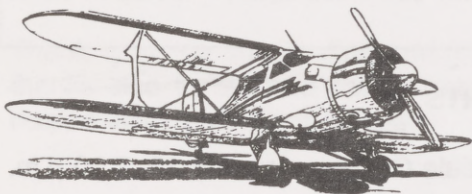
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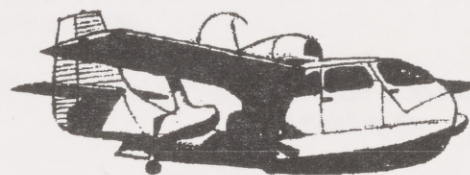
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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It was another wonderful afternoon in sunny California. The location was beautiful, the food was delicious, and the friends the best. Of course this was the Pot Luck at Jim and Kay Fosselman's. Which means the Ice Cream was terrific, especially the Spumoni. And Jim, you are a great bartender — such service!

As usual this time of the year the talk centered on Wings and Wheels and who's staying where, who will have a car, where we will eat on Friday, important stuff like that. Jan Wood, who has recently been a speaker at two of our meetings, also joined us and it was so good to spend some time with her. Those fortunate enough to sit at her table heard lots more of her fun and adventurous life. She is one very sharp person, and such a great sense of humor.

Thank you so much Jim and Kay, and thanks also to Sid and Jean Cherniss who helped them with this Pot Luck.

## JULY EVENT — WINGS AND WHEELS

We will have our registration in a new area this year. We do not have the use of a motorhome, but we do have a portable shade gazebo, and will have it located in a nice grassy area just West of the Airport Office. Also new this year, the EAA will be serving Chicken as well as tri tip steak at the Saturday evening BBQ.

Remember to look for Don and Jean Armstrong and the VAA van if you need transportation, and bring the telephone number of Valley Cab with you just in case, 805/688-0069. If all else fails, there is a bus that stops at the airport and goes all the way to Buelton, 805/688-5452.

We love driving in the old cars through downtown Solvang, but it is a good place to get confused. One year we followed a car

into a drive through parking lot, and he parked! So this year we will have very patriotic Red, White, and Blue streamers tied to the back of each car — well, one color per tour, so just remember which color tour you are in. We hope this will make it easier to follow your own group.

Pilots, you will find two envelopes in your registration packet this year, one to be sent to Connie Clark, and one with your address on it. This should make it easier for me at least, with the gas situation. A few car drivers will have tickets for an airplane ride, as they drive coupes and won't have a pilot assigned to their cars. But all of you have always been so generous with all the rides you give, I'm sure this won't be a problem. It's only to make sure they do get a flight.

This is always such a fun weekend. Everyone enjoy! (Connie Clark)

## AN ELVIS SHOW

We have just received news of an Elvis Show in Solvang. This is rather short notice and too late for some of us, but they are willing to put on a Friday evening show for our group.

If you would like to attend, you must call Shelley or Roger at 1/800/368-4139 and tell them how many will be in the party and also leave your phone number to be notified of any change.

The location is: The Terrace Theater  
1693 Mission Dr.  
Solvang

At the corner of Mission and Alisal.

Curtain is 7:30. Prices are either \$8.00 or \$10.00 per person. Since this is a last minute invitation, the price depends on how many people are attending.

Their brochure looks great — Roger really



does look like a trim Elvis. He not only sings, but gives lots of Elvis info too. The Brochure states, "If you like the music that made Elvis famous... from his early days at Sun Records... up to his sold out live performances... then you won't want to miss Rogers show." (Connie Clark)

### DC-3 SAGA

**H**ow many of you remember the red, white, and black DC-3 that belonged to the Wrigley's of Catalina Island? It seems as if they kept the hangar doors open at the Airport in the Sky so that we could see that beautiful bird.

It has been gone from the Island for many years now and originally was donated to a Museum in Oklahoma. The present owner bought it from the museum in 1986, and many of you know that it has been in Switzerland since then. This particular aircraft has the lowest flying hours of any DC-3 still flying.

A friend of club member Dick Smith, Daniel Jufferey, originally from France, has been doing a wings off restoration of the plane for ten years now, and plans are to fly it to Bakersfield around August of this year, through France and Holland. It has not been sold though, it seems that the owner has property in California too, and the flying weather is much better here. It no longer has the same color scheme, but it does have the same N number — N64784. We will be looking for it at Air Shows next year. (Connie Clark)

### FROM THE EDITOR

**I** want to also take time to thank Jim and Kay Fosselman for hosting the Pot Luck. If you did not make it, shame on you. As I have said time and again, the social events are really an important part of our VAA group. We get to meet people that have

different and like experiences as well as just making new friends. Do try and attend some of the social functions.

As I said in the last newsletter, I will be at Santa Ynez and will be collecting dues from those that are delinquent. Look for me, I will be the one with the shotgun. Actually, we are doing quite well, just some of you are in debt.

Also, take pictures, snoop around and find information that I can use in the newsletters.

This is a short issue due to the deadline for Wings and Wheels. I hope to see many of you at Wings and Wheels and as Connie has said, have fun.

### COMING EVENTS

**O**ur social event for the month of August will be a Pot Luck at Ceci Stratford's. The date August 11, at 4:00 p.m. More on this in the next issue. However, please mark your calendars now.

Also, don't forget the Hawthorne Air Faire, August 24 and 25.

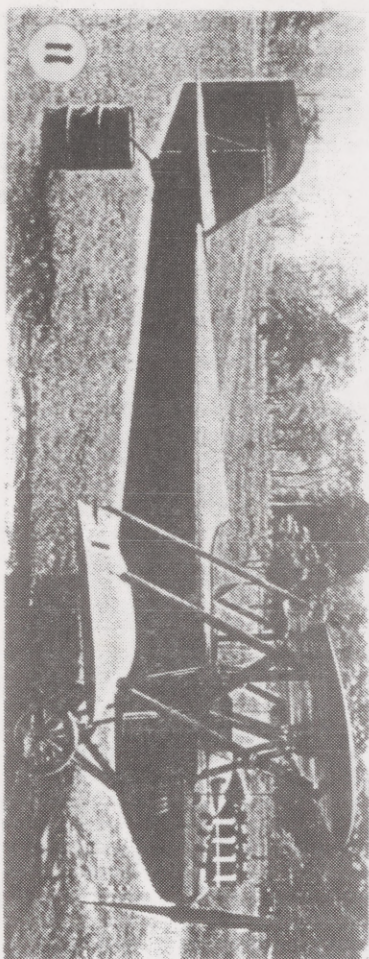
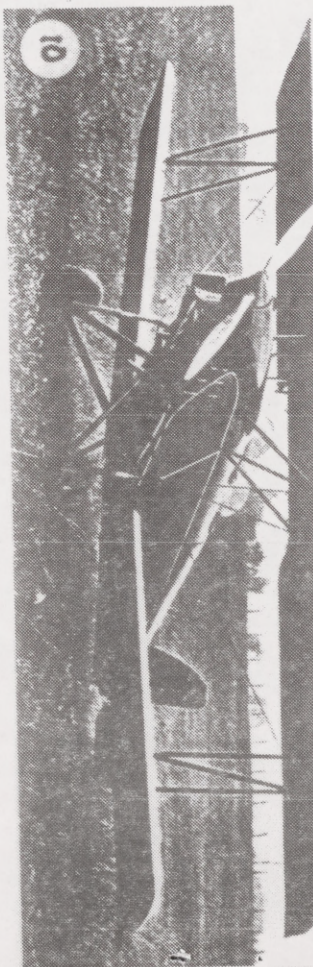
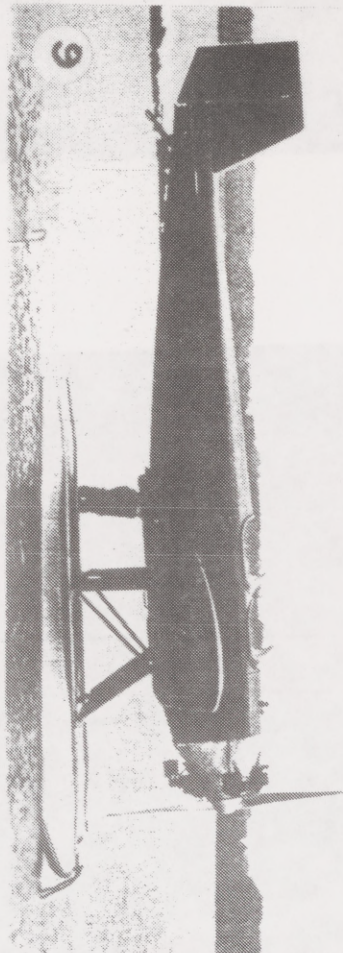
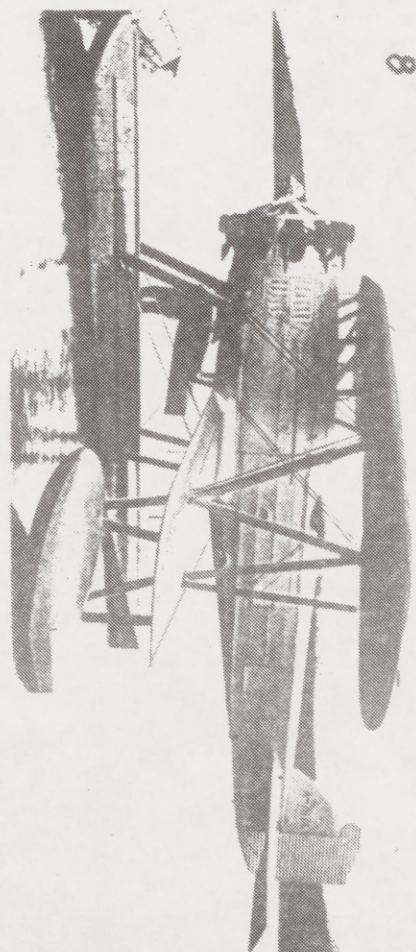
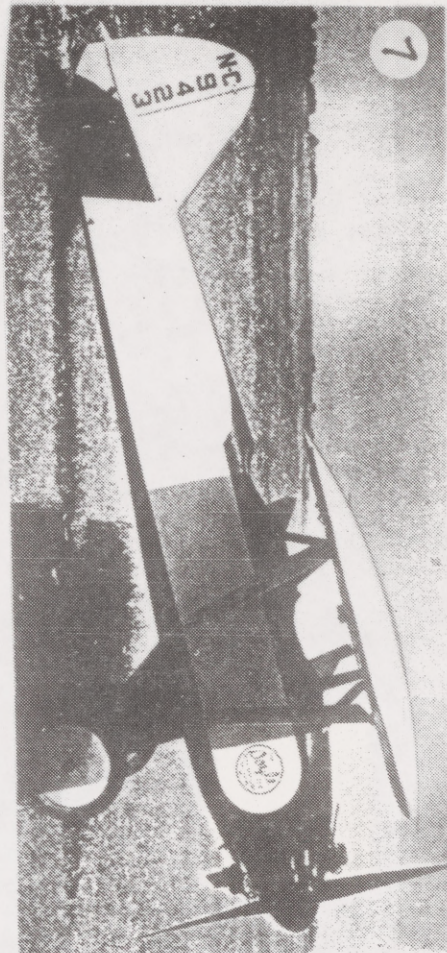
### ANSWERS TO AIRCRAFT QUIZ.

Please let me know how you did. I know several of you have been working on the answers. No prizes, just honest recognition.

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2. Wallace Aircraft Co., "Touroplane", Kansas City, KN., 1928.
3. The Commercial Aircraft Corp., "Sunbeam", Pasadena, CA., 1929.
4. Keystone Aircraft Corp., "Pronto", Bristol, PA., 1929.
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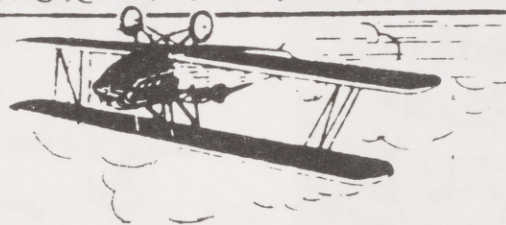


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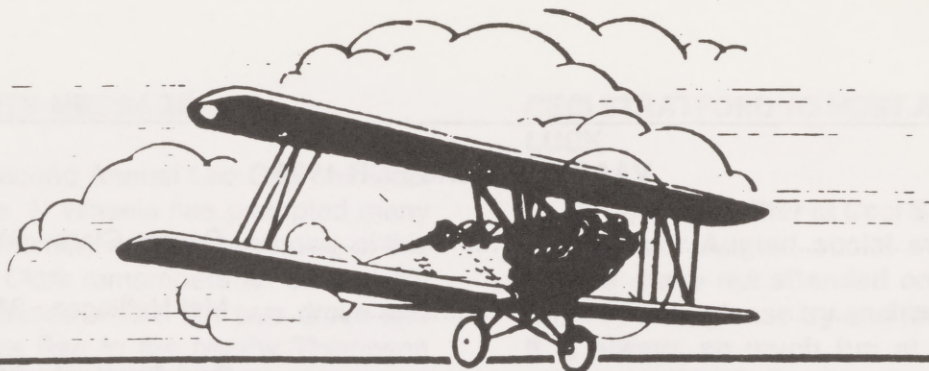
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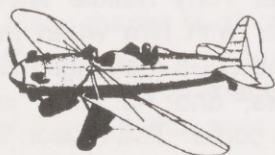
## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**T**his Second Annual Leo Gay Memorial Wings 'N Wheels has prompted many past memories of the beginning of this event. Ed Clark remembers an early event that Leo planned where the cars drove and the airplanes flew to the nearby Thompson Ranch. The Thompson's butchered a steer and there was a huge BBQ. Those early participants were the Horseless Carriage Club and the Southern California Chapter of the Antique Airplane Association, which is now the VAA.

Perhaps someone out there remembers when this all started. And did the events end for awhile? The earliest one we remember was in 1974. It was a small group, and the Saturday evening banquet was held at Andersons in Buellton with about 30 people in attendance. Some of us will recall a one man band, a fellow who played an accordion and I don't recall what else, but I know he played on the white keys only. No complications of sharps and flats for him.

There was a lot of camping at the airport back then — we had a nice grassy area. And the ones who Moteled it mostly stayed at the Sanja Cota in Santa Ynez, until the Motel was sold and the prices about doubled, and that really began the move into Solvang and the King Frederick. There were lots of fun memories along the way to our present day gathering with over 300 people in attendance, with those 300 plus spread out in Motels all over Solvang and Buellton, as well as the few who still camp at the Airport.

So, we have most likely had at least 25 years of Wings 'N Wheels weekends. It has to be fun to last so long.



## CECI STRATFORD TO HOST AUGUST POT LUCK

**W**e will gather at Ceci Stratford's for our August social event. If you have not attended one of our Pot Luck events, please try and make this one. It is always so much fun at Ceci's. Her address is 525 S. Bel Aire Drive, Burbank. (A map is enclosed). Please call her at 818/842-0005 to let her know what you will be bringing. Also, Ceci requests you bring chairs if you have them.

## WINGS 'N WHEELS

**A**s the saying goes, "The best laid plans of mice and men . . .". I'm afraid some of you must have missed seeing the Van which we had intended to rent for transportation at Wing 'N Wheels. Due to a mix up in hours and locations, the Van just was not there. But! We think we have an even better idea for next year. We need to check it out with the "volunteers" first, so we will let you know the plan if it works out.

The new location for registration was super. A nice grassy area, convenient and cool. This will be repeated next year.

We had a great turn out of old cars — 78 were registered. There were only 4 Military Vehicles, including Dick and Kitty Alegre's DUK, and 28 of the more modern cars — less than 20 old. Forty airplanes flew in — and did a lot of flying. I wonder if there was an abundance of flights to be given with all the car people in attendance. And whether perhaps we do need tickets, and limit our flights to one flight for each person. I know some people got more than one flight each. Pilots — you did the flying — let us know what you think. There were just over 300 people in attendance.

A big thank you to the Stearman's who did



some spectacular fly-bys for our Second Memorial to Leo. Gene Gast also made a big heart up in the sky. Gene, Mike Walsh, Mac MacCauly and Jack Davis did the formation flying.

I don't think I spoke to anyone who didn't get lost on tour this year, and I just found out why. There were two pages of maps, one generalized and one detailed. I'm sure many drivers didn't see the second map. But it was still fun, and the Mendenhall Museum was such a treat. Good lunch too. Jack Mendenhall wanted us to know that out of at least 12 lunches he has put on throughout the year, that our group was by far the best one they have had there. The most interested, the most courteous, etc. A very nice compliment.

Leo's sons, David and John brought one of Leo's antique cars, a 1914 Oldsmobile to Wings 'N Wheels this year. The car is not restored yet, but it is running. One of Leo's many projects he didn't have time to work on. It was great to see it there, and I'm sure Leo thought so too.

Overall, we hope everyone had fun, with time for shopping in Solvang, relaxing in the pool and perhaps finding some Antiques in Los Olivos. Plus all the great places to go for dinner, The Elvis Show, and the Outdoor Theater in Solvang. So much to do.

You are the ones who make this weekend, by being there. So remember, we are open to ideas and suggestions from all of you. Give us a call if you have any comments. (Connie Clark)

#### **HAWTHORNE AIR FAIRE**

**A**nother one of Leo's special projects was the Hawthorne Air Faire which will be held on August 24 and 25. The theme is "Up Close and Personal". The West Coast's premier Gathering of Warbirds. Hopefully you have received your pilots

package already, but if not, please call John Culver at 310/539-3640 for information. Remember, the Friday night BBQ and the Warbirds that will be arriving that afternoon — including hopefully a Harrier. Also, the Saturday night "Casablanca Theme" hangar party for the pilots who are displaying their aircraft. Costumes encouraged. The Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce is also having their banquet on Saturday night, honoring the Boeing Co. This will be held at the Proud Bird Restaurant. Social hour begins at 6:30, with dinner and program starting at 7:30. Tickets are \$45.00 and to order call the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce at 310/676-1163. Ask for Carla or Frank.

#### **AN ANSWER TO A REQUEST**

**A** few months ago, we had a notice in the Newsletter about the need for voices on audio tape or video, of the early Pioneers of Flying. Father Patrick McPolin of the Dominguez Seminary wanted to use them along with portraits of these airmen at a new Museum dedicated to the Early Birds.

This was just the thing that Don Noonan needed to know. He had been given a shoebox of audio tapes — many of them reel to reel by Tony Betittie's widow, Emma. Tony and Emma, as well as Don Noonan thought these tapes should be made available to those interested, but didn't know how to accomplish this. Now they will be used not only at Father Pat's new Museum, but also at the University at Domignuez Hills. The University will create a Video about these early airmen and will also be the location of the archives of all of this information.

It seems that Tony Betittie always took a tape recorder with him when he attended Early Bird and OX-5 meetings. He recorded the Speakers, and he also "interviewed" everyone he could. The reason these tapes



came to Don was that he bought a Gipsy Moth that Tony Betittie had owned 50 years previously. Tony sold the aircraft in 1930 to marry Emma, but before he did, he helped celebrate the opening of a new bridge in New Jersey by flying under it. Emma still remembered watching that flight with all the people who walked across that bridge. When Don discovered that the aircraft had once belonged to Tony, he called him to come see it. As Tony sat in the Cockpit he said "They'll believe me now". The hangar flying stories were true. (Connie Clark)

### THE REST OF THE STORY

Perhaps many of you listen to Paul Harvey on the radio and heard him ask for a special wheel for a Curtiss Robin and few months ago. Well, as Paul always says, "Now you'll hear the rest of the story".

It seems that about 25 years ago a fellow in Kansas asked Paul, who is an aviation enthusiast, to ask over the radio for a certain wheel that he needed for his airplane. The request was successful. So recently, a fellow with a Curtiss Robin, while searching for parts called Don Noonan about a specific wheel. Don had already sold those parts to Dick Smith who also needed them. Eventually the fellow called Don Noonan again. Don told him he had no more information for him, but that he might call Paul Harvey. He told him that had worked 25 years earlier. And so he did, and he got his wheel, which was located only 150 miles from where he lived. "And now you know the rest of the story". (Connie Clark)

### FROM THE EDITOR

Well, Wings and Wheels is over. Many thanks to all of those people that worked so hard to make it a success. I know that many of you don't know of all the work that goes on "behind the

scenes", all of the planning by the EAA folks in Santa Ynez, the many phone calls by Connie, and especially the hard work done by Keith Smith. We all thank you Keith for your efforts. And as Connie said, the members are what makes it a final success. Thank you all.

I always enjoy Wings 'N Wheels. It gives me a chance to see those members that I don't get to see often during the year. It is refreshing being able to enjoy your company. And of course all of the cars and aircraft gathered at the airport. What a great event.

Connie wrote about the request of Father Pat. I think we all should try to record either on video or audio the speeches and presentations made by the early aviation participants. Of course, many have written books and articles that somewhat cover their careers, but most of us have not.

Just read of the passing of Boone T. Guyton. Boone Guyton was the principal test pilot for the F4U project and had a long and diversified career. He wrote three books, Airbase, This Exciting Air, and his latest, Whistling Death. Boone Guyton passed away April 4.

For those of you that have been trying to get a copy of John Underwood's book, Madcaps, Millionaires, and "Mose", John tells me he has a goodly supply. If you contact him he will be glad to sell you one. This is a fantastic book about early aviation in the Glendale area, one you should read. Thanks John.

Once again I make a plea, if you have someone in mind that might like to present at our general meeting at Glendale College, please let me know. Also, it is best to clear it with them first.



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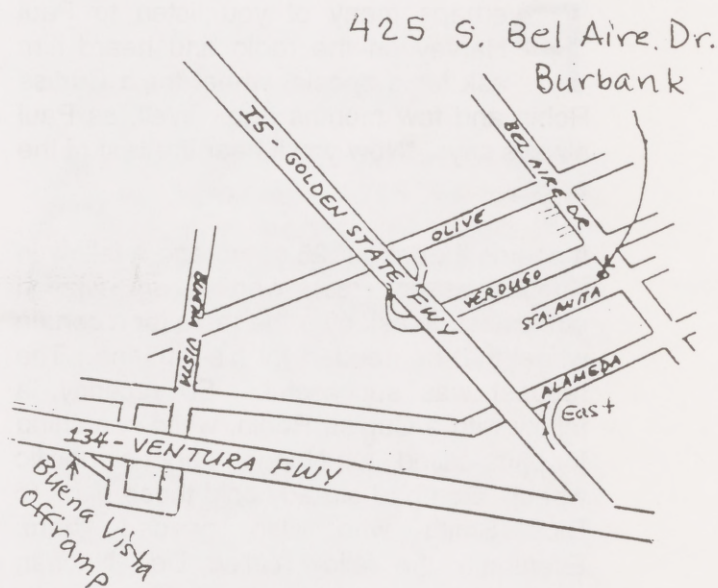
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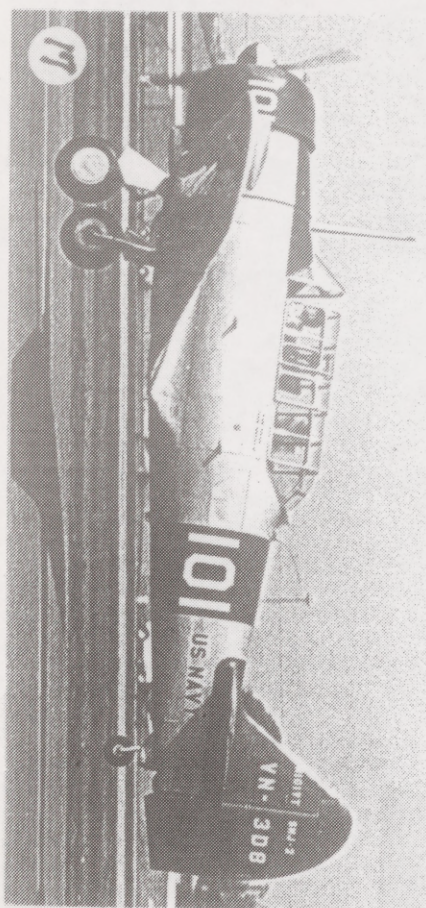
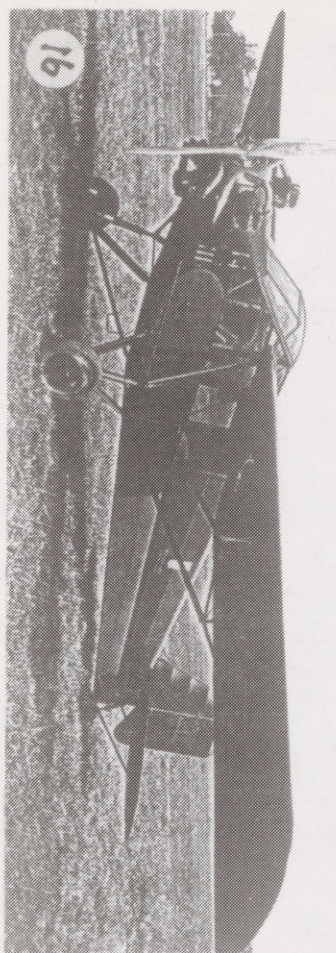
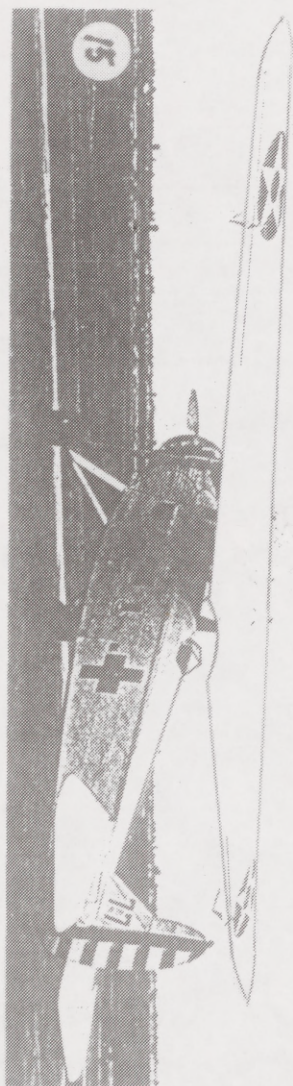
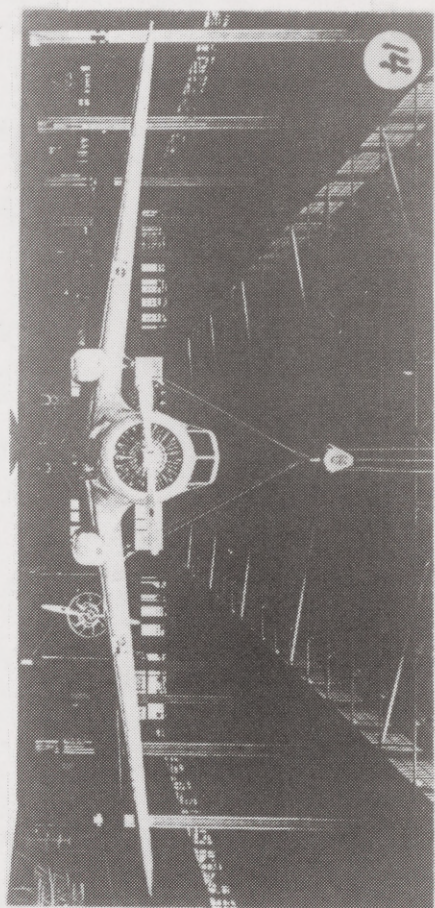
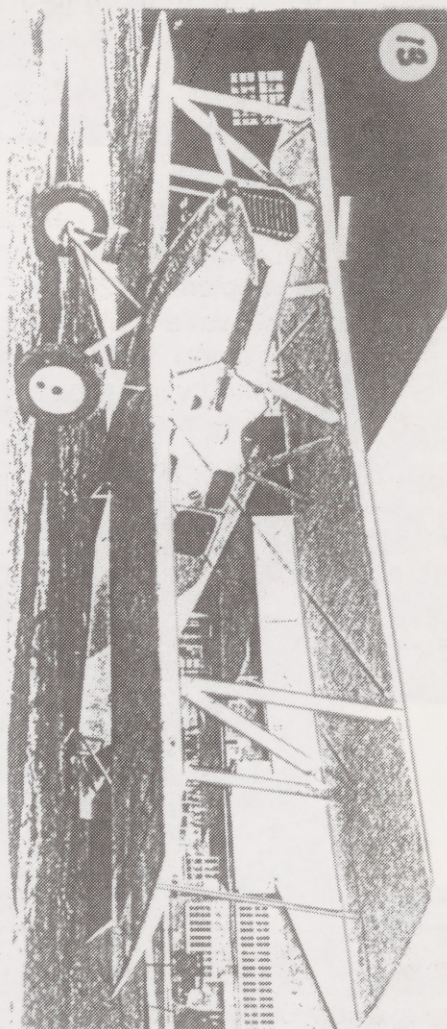
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## Cover Photo

The picture on the cover is of Jan Wood's beautiful Cessna 170. This is the airplane she flew around the world, and the one shown in her slides at the presentations at the general meeting. Again, it should be in color to really appreciate how pristine it really is.









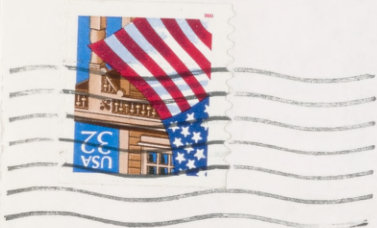
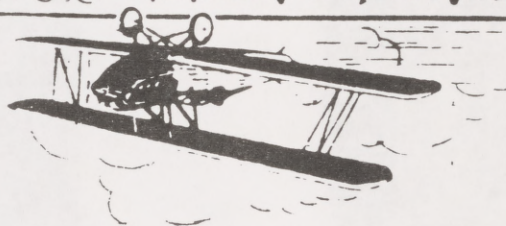
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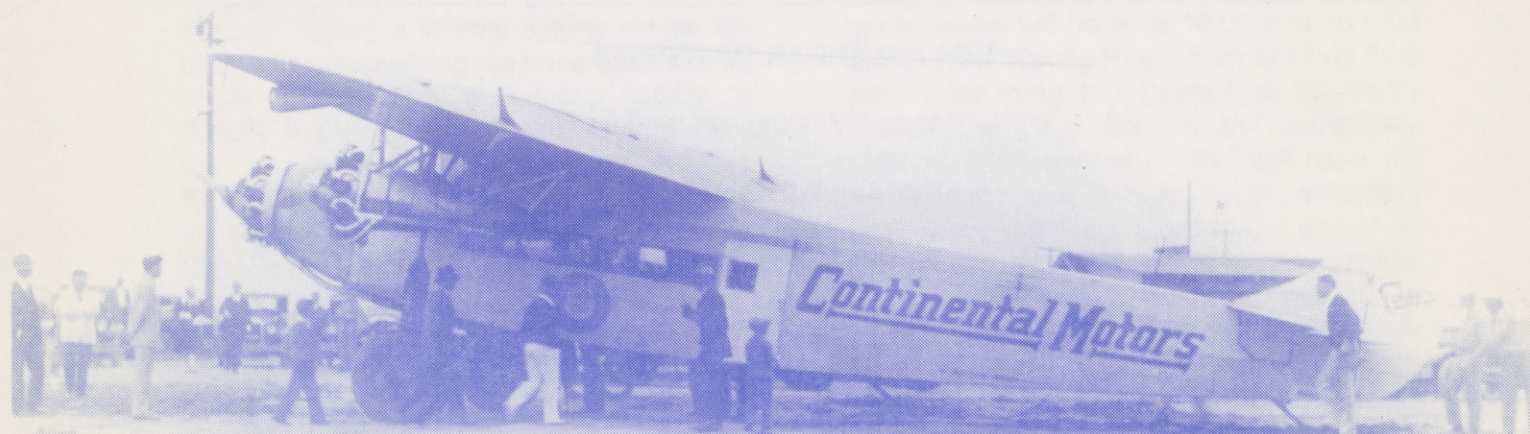
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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**O**ur Pot Luck at Ceci Stratford's was as enjoyable as ever. Ceci also includes the Angeles Antiquers, the 99's and also friends from Whiteman Airport, so it is a large gathering and an opportunity to see friends one doesn't see too often. One of the couples that we haven't seen lately were Ron and Sylvia Kramer. We may have mentioned before that Ron was Leo Gay's Flight Instructor. Leo had a DeHavilland Gipsy Moth at that time. Ron has given us lots of information about Leo and Wings N' Wheels taken from his log book. A special thank you to Jim and Kay Fosselman for going out of their way to bring their yummy ice cream. They couldn't stay long, but came by anyway. Their new Root Beer flavor was wonderful! Thank you Ceci for a very delightful gathering. We certainly appreciate those of you who open your houses to us so we can have these get togethers with our good friends.

We are having a special activity on the 6th of October, something we have been talking about trying. This is a flying activity, a Weeny Roast at Santa Paula Airport. And we are combining with the Angeles Antiquers. Of course, everyone is invited. It's not too far to drive. We are also having our regular Pot Luck that month as well. And note that we have changed the date of our September meeting so as not to conflict with the Reno Air Races. Be sure and mark your Calendars now. The meeting will be on September 27.

## GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27

**N**ote that we have changed the September meeting date to the 27th. This was done to avoid a conflict with the Reno Races. Now it appears that there would be no conflict, but since the date has been published in the calendar, we will have our meeting on

the 27th at Glendale College, at 7:30 p.m. Our top new member recruiter, Don Armstrong is bringing four new members and they will all speak to us. One is an ex B-17 pilot, one flew B-24's, another one flew P-51's and the last flew in the Dutch Air Force. I know you will enjoy hearing these WWII pilots talk, so plan on being there for sure. Also, thanks Don for your hard work in recruiting new members.

## SANTA PAULA FLY-IN

**W**e have been invited to an Open House at Santa Paula airport by three of our members and their wives, on Sunday October 6th. You know what that means — all of the hangars with interesting aircraft will be open! Pat Quinn and Dave Watson share Leo Gays old hangar where the Weeny Roast will be held, so this will also be quite nostalgic for a lot of us. John Richards is our third host, and we certainly appreciate their invitation. The open House will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a Weeny Roast from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. The hangar is located on Stearman Taxiway, which is down by the car gate — west of the restaurant. Pat will have his yellow and black Bucker Jungmann out in front, along with Dave's red, black, and silver Tiger Moth. Many of us will remember Matt Jeffries black and white cabin Waco in a hangar nearby, and hopefully an American Eagle will have its hangar doors open too. For those driving, park in the restaurant parking lot, as the car gate is locked.

Pat also tells us that there is a Steam Train that runs from Filmore to Santa Paula. The train departs Filmore at 11:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., leaving Santa Paula at 12:15 p.m. These are round trips. Tickets are \$14.00 each, which are purchased from the Conductor. The depot is in Santa Paula at Harvard and 10th. It sounds like fun, if its possible to do it all! For more information on the train, call the Filmore and Western Railway at 805/524-2546.



We will need reservations for this event by September 29th. This will be your only notice, so mark your calendars and call now to Connie Clark, 310/835-2562. Leave a message if you don't reach me. If you need more information, you can call Pat Quinn at 805/642-3315. (Connie Clark)

## HAWTHORNE AIR FAIRE

**T**he Hawthorne Air Faire had all the excitement of past years, plus a bit more. The F-18 Hornet came screaming past on a fly-by, and then hooked the restraining cable easily on landing. And there was indeed a Harrier. In fact two. They came in for a touchdown quite slowly, like a STOL aircraft. The pilots told us that this is standard landing procedure when they don't know how dirty the runway is. They could hover and land, but perhaps the reason that they didn't is because in hover the Harrier burns thirty-five gallons of fuel per second. And there were also two Wart Hogs, of Desert Storm fame.

Sunday afternoon when the F-18 took off, we learned about the "FOD" walk. A group of about twenty volunteers walked the runway looking for items that could inflict "Foreign Object Damage". When all was clear, the Hornet made a down-wind takeoff — and there was a good tailwind blowing — so as to be able to catch the restraining cable if the takeoff needed to be aborted.

Many of our members were in attendance and displaying their aircraft. Frank Compton Jr. flew the beautiful red SN-J as the lead plane escorting the N9M Flying Wing from Chino. Ron Hackworth was flying the "Wing". That is such an incredible aircraft, and such fun to see fly. Elmer Ward flew his P-51 along with Clay Lacy and several others in the Freedom Flight. Gene Gast, Dick Smith, Mike Walsh, and Mac McCauley all flew in the biplane flyby's.

Something new this year was the Saturday

night Hangar Party for pilots who had their aircraft on display. Tom and Connie Quintana, who took over the Air Faire when Leo passed on, came up with this idea. The theme was from the movie Casablanca, with the location being Rick's American Cafe. The food was Moroccan as was the decor. A big band played 40's music, and there were gaming tables. Everyone received \$50.00 in paper money to gamble. Then the chips were paid off in door prize tickets. You put your tickets into a paper bag in front of the gift you would like to win. Well, it seems that there were two special edition Barbie Dolls there, and Dick Alegre's wife, Kitty is opening a Barbie Doll Museum soon, and you guessed it, Dick bought enough tickets to be sure that he won both dolls. (More on the Museum later).

One prize in particular caught my fancy. It was a book with pictures of odd-ball restaurants and other buildings from past years in L.A. I had to find out if there was a picture of the Chili Bowl restaurant, and there was. When I was about five years old, there was a twenty-eight foot Gar Wood speedboat at our Marina that had big letters on the side spelling "Miss Chili Bowl", and a sharks mouth painted on the bow. The owner hired my Dad to take the speedboat out twice a day, and run next to the Catalina Steamer for advertising. In the "afterword" of the book the speedboat is mentioned as well as an airplane also used for advertising. The owner was Art Whizin — how many of you remember Whizin's Inn? Such fun memories. Did I mention we won the book? It was a good weekend. (Connie Clark)

## MORE WINGS AND WHEELS HISTORY

**W**e have learned from the Log Book entries of Ron Kramer, that the first Wings N' Wheels was held on October 21, 1967, and was called the Solvang Air Show. Ron also feels that the fly-in ended for a few years, and so far, we think it began again in 1974. Also, the



original participants were the Horseless Carriage Club and the Angeles Antiquers. It was after that date that the Angeles Antiquers split into two clubs, with the second club being the VAA, after a name change from the Antique Aircraft Association, Southern California Chapter.

Ron's Log Book also shows that Leo first soloed on November 20, 1965 at Hawthorne Airport in Ron's Cessna 150. He then soloed a Tail-Dragger, his Tiger Moth at Santa Paula on March 19, 1967. He got his private pilot license at Fox Field, Lancaster, with FAA Designee Bill Barnes. I'm sure most of you know that Bill Barnes was the son of Pancho Barnes. There is more history of Leo's flying, and we hope to include some of the stories in another issue. (Connie Clark)

#### FRANK WHITTLE PASSES AWAY

I am sure many of you read of the passing of Sir Frank Whittle. I admired this man so much that I just had to place this in the letter. Another great in aviation has left us for the perfect hangar in the sky. Sir Frank Whittle, the father of the jet engine passed away August 8. He was 89 years old and had been fighting lung cancer for some time. Many of the aviation publications printed articles about Sir Frank upon his passing, but the finest I read was in Aviation Week & Space Technology.

For those of you that are familiar with Whittle's invention of the jet engine and his battle with the British government and his problems with the RAF, you will appreciate what Aviation Week had to say. "In this age of hype, words such as 'giant' and 'revolutionary' often are abused. But it is no exaggeration to apply them to Sir Frank Whittle. Today's air transport industry—and the vast economic and social benefits wrought by the ease and speed of global travel—simply would be inconceivable without the contributions of Sir Frank".

Sir Frank battled the Crown and the RAF for years and finally in exasperation retired from the RAF on April 13, 1948, with the rank of air commodore. A month later the British government awarded him 100,000 pounds (then about \$400,000) in recognition of his turbojet work, and he was knighted by King George VI. In 1976 Sir Frank emigrated to the U.S. and became a professor at the Naval Academy.



While he was well-known and respected in the aerospace community, few of today's airline passengers ever will know Whittle's name. Still, everyone who flies commercial jets owes him a huge debt of gratitude.

I suggest reading "Jet" the autobiography of Sir Frank Whittle, and "Whittle, The True Story. (The Editor)

#### FROM THE EDITOR

While at Ceci's great Pot Luck I was talking to Jan Wood, Connie, and several others about a VAA Recipe Book. My feelings are that you might like one. Many organizations have printed the recipes of their members, in fact I have several of them, one by the NASA



Astronauts and one by an EAA Chapter. I would be happy to put together and print a book of VAA recipes. All one has to do is attend a Pot Luck and you will see that there are a lot of good dishes available. If you like the idea, send me your favorites.

I hope that all of you that wanted to attend the Reno Races did. I had planned to go but relatives came in at the last minute — so. Some of those that did go told me the weather was lousy. Perhaps someone can tell us a little about it at the general meeting.

If you get a copy of Pacific Flyer (Sep) and look on page A13, you will see an article on our Santa Ynez event.

I read in one of the publications I receive each month about the number of Warbirds in collectors hands. They discuss how many are flyable, how many can be made flyable etc., etc. I may step on a lot of toes (but I know that many agree with me) many of the old aircraft should not be flown. One mistake and the last one, or the last flying one is gone. Let's preserve these old aircraft (not only Warbirds) so that we all can enjoy seeing and touching them. Let's all support our favorite restoration project or group.

As I have mentioned above, Don Armstrong is bringing four new members to our next general meeting. Don has been a true new member recruiter and has asked several of them in the past to speak. Don, I can't thank you enough for your efforts. Again, I make the plea, if you know of potential speakers, please talk to them and see if they would be agreeable. I can contact them if you would like.

Speaking of new members, we picked up quite a few from Wings N' Wheels. I am writing each of them and asking for a short "bio" so I can put it in the newsletter. Also, we all need to recruit members for VAA, especially young people. Remember, it is only \$10.00 a year and they will find this to

be a wonderful group to be a part of.

The end of the year is approaching and the time to renew your annual dues will be here soon. Why not renew now?

## COMING EVENTS

**O**ur October Pot Luck will be hosted by Garielle Bresnick in her lovely home. The date is October 20, and she will again show us a film in her theater living room, from her large collection.

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15. Fokker (General Aviation Mfg. Corp.) Y1C "Atlantic" Air Ambulance, Hasbrouk, N.J., 1928.
16. Berliner-Joyce Aircraft Co., "BJ-29", Baltimore, MD., 1928.
17. North American Aviation, SNJ-2/4, Inglewood, CA 1940.  
Frank Compton Jr. is the pilot on his first solo at age 16, Sept. 24, 1980.

I hope you have enjoyed seeing these and trying to figure out what they were. Thanks to Frank Compton Sr. for sending them to us.



## AIRSHOWS AND EVENTS

### OCTOBER

- 4 California International Airshow, Salinas.
- 4-6 Pt. Mugu Airshow.
- 19 Edwards AFB Open House
- 26 Travis AFB Open House

### NOVEMBER

- 1-3 First Annual Fox Field National Air Races
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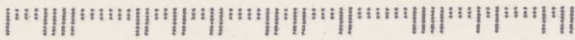
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Also, I included on this page a couple of pictures of aircraft at the Castle AFB Museum. Stop in and look at the collection of aircraft they have. I will print some more of the Castle collection next month.







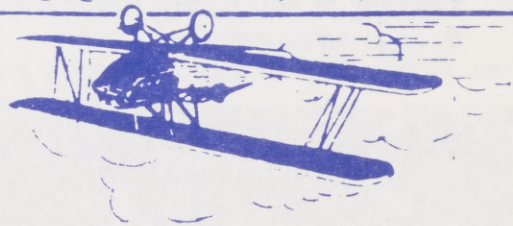
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**A** big thank you to Don Armstrong for his great interest in our club, and for bringing in new members. And also for those new members to be our speakers for the September meeting. Mel Heflinger, our Vice President, stood in for me at the meeting as Ed and I were at the Sea Plane Splash-In. I understand it was a very interesting meeting, and well attended.

Even in this land of heat-waves, fall is in the air and the Holidays are ahead. November brings election of officers. And I would like to say how very important Bill Mallory is to us. Not only does he do good work on several members airplanes, but he is our Treasurer, Newsletter Editor plus Activities Chairman. So treat him nicely! We need him! Thanks for all your good work Bill. Remember to put the VAA Christmas party on your calendar if you haven't done so yet. It will be on Saturday, December 7 this year, once again at the Proud Bird.

Be sure to give Gabrielle a call for our Pot Luck this month. It's always special to be at her interesting home. See you there.

## OCTOBER POT LUCK AT GABRIELLE BRESNICK'S

**T**he date is Sunday, October 20th at 4:00 p.m. Gabrielle Bresnick is once more inviting us to enjoy her lovely home and patio. After we partake of all that good food our members bring, Gabrielle will treat us to a classic movie in her theater/living room.

The address is 16843 Sunset Blvd., Pacific Palisades. Give her a call at 310/454-1825 and let her know what you would like to bring. She is requesting salads, main dishes, and desserts. If you reach her answering machine, please give her your

name and number in your party as well as what you are bringing. She has requested that you also leave your phone number in case she needs to make an adjustment. (All desserts sound fun, but not very nourishing).

**This would be a good time for all of you to bring your favorite recipes for the VAA Cook Book.**

## SEABEE ANNIVERSARY

**E**very year at Clear Lake, the last weekend in September, the West Coast Seaplane Splash-In is held. This year the theme was in celebration of fifty years of Flying of the SeaBee.

Republic Aviation built the RC-3 SeaBee for just two years, 1946 and 1947, building approximately 1150 amphibians. They felt that there would be a good market for a sport plane with pilots returning from WWII, but the interest wasn't there. The airplane, however, has remained popular and is even more so with the change to a Lycoming engine and higher horsepower. The original Franklin engine was 215 horsepower, and quite a few of them are still flying.

As usual at these gathering, awards are given for several reasons, including the longest flight for straight floats. It was a Super Cub from Laughlin, Nevada. I didn't find out where he found water for landing flying over such a dry area as Southern California. Where they allow you to land, that is.

There was also an award for the oldest Seaplane in attendance, which was won by Ed and Connie Clark for their SeaBee. A bit of trivia is that the first 125 SeaBees built had N numbers in the 8000 series, which goes along with our registration number of NC87537.



On the flight home, arriving at dusk, we found most of the coastline and LAX totally covered by clouds. I'm sure many of you have seen that sight before, but it was new and beautiful to us. We were in the Corridor at 3500 feet watching airliners lined up for landing and disappearing into the clouds for touch-down. There were bright areas of light coming up under the clouds. One area the shape of the runway, and others just large circles. Over the Tower and Restaurant perhaps? And what else? I saw a departing airliner pop out of the clouds over the ocean. It left a long trench in the clouds behind it. Quite fascinating. It was a special ending to a great weekend. (Connie Clark)

### SANTA PAULA FLY-IN

It was so marvelous to be back at Santa Paula, and we were even in Leo's old hangar. Although it certainly didn't look the same. It is all paneled and painted and was so nicely decorated for the Weenie Roast. It was also decorated with many great aircraft pictures and other aircraft memorabilia, including photos of Pat Quinn's career as a helicopter pilot for the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Pat told me that under the paneling near the door there still exists Leo's signature, along with some others. And more nostalgia, just outside the hangar along with Pat's Bucker Jungmann, Dave Watson's Tiger Moth was Dave Davidson's original painting of the first "patch" for our Club jackets when we were "AAA", the Square Goggle Bunch. On the back are signatures of those early members. We have John Richards to thank for saving it, and he even gave it to us. So it will be at our November meeting. Along with the sign, John also donated an original jacket.

Although the LA Basin had been weathered in all week and there were concerns about turn-out, there were upwards of one hundred people in attendance, although I'm sure most of them were from Santa Paula. Ed and I drove up the night before since we didn't

know if it would be clear enough to fly, and we rode the old train from Filmore to Santa Paula. The train was a 1940's era Diesel, and the train cars were most interesting. Upon arriving at the Santa Paula Station, we were surprised to see members Dick and Kitty Alegre.

There were several VAA members at the airport, as well as some Angeles Antiquers, but I believe Jimmy and Billie Green were the only ones to fly in from VAA. Or did you too, Marc Herman?

An unexpected treat was a Western Band that was very good and not too loud. The leader of the group was Sue, who has a great voice and is a regular at the airport. The band was playing in the same corner as our band of years ago. Leo always rented a piano for Al Kiefer, with John Innes on trombone, Sid Cherniss on wash bucket bass, Bob Yates on banjo and Perry Schreffler on sax joining in. Marge Cassidy also played piano while many of us sang the good old songs. Am I forgetting anyone?

We would like to thank Arlys Quinn, Dave Watson and his wife, and John and Sally Richards for a very wonderful day. (Connie Clark)

### CARMEL VALLEY VINTAGE AIRFIELD UPDATE

Lars de Jounge has sent us an up-date on his Carmel Valley Vintage Airfield. He and Barbara lease 29.7 acres, which includes the runway. There are 11 hangar homes planned on approximately 0.3 acres each. The de Jounques will build to suit hangar homes to be leased. The normal lease would be 15 years. You have to have at least one vintage aircraft to qualify. Homes and hangars will be on the North side of a taxiway paralleling the 1820 foot paved runway. All homes are to be old-world style and hangars rustic barn-style in character.



The de Jounges have a marketing plan centered around leased premises and use permits. They have made great progress with Monterey County and the FAA and are now in a position to apply for building permits. This is a beautiful area and would be a perfect setting for antique airplanes both in the valley and in the air.

Contact Lars or Barbara at 408/659-0860 fax 408/659/2882 or write PO Box 683, Carmel Valley, CA 93924.

### JOHN UNDERWOOD RESPONDS

**T**he cover photo last month of the Continental Motors Fokker did indeed bring the response I had hoped for. John Underwood writes, "The Continental Motors Fokker F.VIIA/3M was the third built, the 'Josephine Ford' being number 1. It was built for Ross Judson, CEO of Continental Motors, which had not yet formed its aircraft division. However, Judson was a flying buff and had owned a number of aircraft, beginning with a triplane Curtiss in 1917. The Fokker was to be used as a company hack. They had lots of automobile makers for clients and the idea was to use the Fokker to haul parts on short order.

I don't know how exactly this came about, but the Fokker apparently was groomed for a Transatlantic flight. Possibly at this stage it had been sold to somebody else. Anyway, it suffered a mishap, possibly involving a ditching, with George Pond at the controls. It was registered at this time as NC2195. It was rebuilt as NC3908 and became Western Air Express' first airliner. It was sold to Continental Air Express when WAE got its Fokker F-10s. My good friend Sterling Boller flew for CAE at that time. In addition, they had a Vega and a Ford and were serving San Diego and San Francisco from Los Angeles.

On September 20, 1929, Hal Sweet had

eight fares when one of the engines quit. He got it to the emergency field at Saugus, but slammed into a wall. Everybody walked away from it but the Fokker was damaged beyond repair."

John, I can't thank you enough for taking your valuable time to respond. I know others of VAA also appreciate it. (The Editor)

### CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

**A**t the last general meeting, our historians, Jim and Kay Fosselman requested photos of Wings N Wheels. They are doing a fantastic job keeping our photo albums current. However, they have not received many pictures taken at Santa Ynez. If you have pictures, please contact Jim and Kay. Thanks for your help.

### FROM THE EDITOR

**I** want to thank Connie for the kind words she has written about me. I had mixed emotions about including them in the letter. Let me tell you, writing the newsletter is a lot of fun, I truly enjoy it. You the members could make it more fun if you would send me information to include. I have requested photos and items for inclusion in the newsletter, and some have responded, but I still need your input.

The other jobs are easy and I also enjoy them. I am encouraging all of you to send your dues in for the next year. Do it now before the holidays are here and you forget.

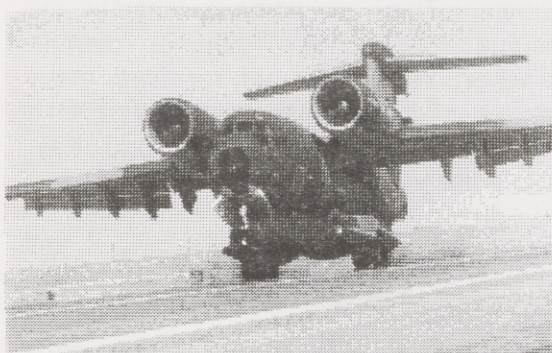
I am sorry I missed the Santa Paula weenie roast. Got a touch of the bug that's going around. I understand that Bob and Elaine Forker also were there, they flew their Comanche up.



I was pleased with the number of people that came to the last meeting, even with the date change. It was a great meeting and I also thank Don Armstrong for his efforts to recruit members and to have them talk with us.

In the October issue of Air Force Magazine Walter Boyne has written an article dealing with wings and their design. He mentions the Boeing YC-14 and the Douglas YC-15.

These were medium-size jet transports



using the concept of the blown wing. The blown wing was first realized by Willard R. Custer and his Channel Wing. I was fortunate enough to see both the YC-14 and 15 at Edwards years ago. Incidentally, the YC-15 led to the development of the C-17 now in service with the U.S. Air Force. I understand that one of the YC-14s was broken up, the other is in the Pima Museum. Do we have any members that know of or worked on these aircraft, or know what happened to the YC15s?

Looking for a hand held GPS. Let me recommend the Lowrance Air Map. I recently purchased one and I can't say enough good about it. If you have read the reviews, most curse the antenna if you

plan to take it off. I agree, it is "goofy", however once you have done it a few times it is no problem. While I don't fly a great deal, what little flying I do is certainly fun with the Lowrance. Just think, in the near future new pilots will ask us what it was like to fly the VOR's.

Also, in addition to Connie's reminder, please mark your calendars now for the Christmas party.

### COMING EVENTS

Our event for the month of November is the general meeting at Glendale College on November 15 at 7:30 p.m. We hope to have an interesting program so mark your calendar now.

### NEW MEMBERS

Thanks to the efforts of Don Armstrong, we have three new members this month.

Renso A. Vedder  
Randall A. Wood  
Ronald D. Millman

Renso talked to us at the last meeting and we hope he can talk to us again in the future. Welcome to our association. We hope you can and will attend the meetings and the social events.

### BADGES

If you need a badge, they are available for \$5.00 each from:

Dick Beagle  
1417 N. Tower  
Santa Ana, CA 92706



Photos this month are some more of the Castle AFB museum. This is one of the finest Air Force collections around. These are some of my favorite photos from the Castle museum.



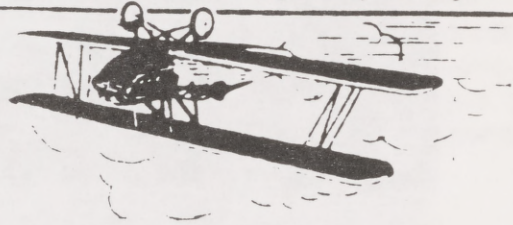


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### 1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	General Meeting at Glendale College, January 19, 7:30 p.m.
February	Buffet at the San Pedro Elk's Club, February 25, 5:00 p.m.
March	General Meeting at Glendale College, March 15, 7:30 p.m.
April	Pot luck at the Herman's, April 20, 4:30 p.m.
May	General Meeting at Glendale College, May 17, 7:30 p.m.
June	Pot Luck at the Fosselman's. June 23, 4:30 p.m.
July	"Wings and Wheels", Santa Ynez, July 12,13,14
August	Pot Luck at Ceci Stratford's, August 11, 4:00 p.m.
September	General Meeting at Glendale College, September 27, 7:30 p.m.
October	Pot Luck at Gabrielle Bresnick's, October 20, 4:00 p.m.
<b>November</b>	<b>General Meeting at Glendale College, November 15, 7:30 p.m.</b>
December	Christmas Party, December 7, 6:30 p.m., Proud Bird Restaurant



## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

**O**ur "Movie Night" Pot-Luck was a fun evening. Thank you Gabrielle for having us at your lovely home. Our patio meal was enhanced by taped music of the 40's, which brought memories. Lots of good old songs. Then we went inside to her living room/theater where Gabrielle told us about her late husband Albert, personal photographer to Amelia Earhart. She pointed out many of the things he had made and collected, including two large cameras that he had used early in his profession. They are so beautiful, with varnished hardwood. We then saw a video tape of Gabrielle's trip to Russia in August. She took a cruise ship from St. Petersburg to Moscow with lots of stops along the way. What a wonderful experience.

Then it was movie time complete with popcorn! We saw "Family Band" with Walter Brennan and Buddy Ebsen. Goldie Hawn was also in the movie with a small part as the "Giggling Girl". She was listed in the credits as Goldie Jeanne Hawn. It was a cute movie, a musical with a very current subject — Presidential elections. Which by the time you receive this Newsletter, will be over for four more years. Be sure to be at our meeting this month for our own election of officers and to hear our very interesting speakers.

Thanksgiving is getting closer and I hope you all have a wonderful day with friends and family. I understand there are no calories when food is eaten on a Holiday! So enjoy.

## SCOOPER PILOT TO SPEAK AT GENERAL MEETING

**W**e are fortunate to have the Tech-Rep and one of the pilots for the Super Scooper aircraft talk with us at our general meeting on November

15th at 7:30 p.m.

As you all know, these aircraft are on lease during the peak fire season, and will be returning to Canada soon. Please plan to come and hear about this unique aircraft.

Also as Connie mentioned, we will be electing officers at this meeting. Be there or you may find yourself in a job that you don't want.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY AT PROUD BIRD

**W**e are once more in the View Room at the Proud Bird. And we do have a wonderful view, not only of the airliners landing at LAX, but of the beautiful replicas of WW II aircraft just outside our windows.

The date is December 7, at 6:00 p.m. for Social Hour and 7:00 for dinner. The price will be \$25.00 per person this year and the menu features Flame Grilled Papaya Marinated Sirloin Steak.

Everyone had so much fun with our gift exchange last year, that we thought we'd do it again. Guys bring a gift for a guy, and gals bring a gift for a gal — \$5.00 minimum. Perhaps something will be extra popular again this year.

Can you believe we are so close to Christmas? This will be your only notice, so send in your checks and reservations now while you are thinking about it. We will need them by Sunday, December 1st. Send checks to Bill Mallory at 410 E. Fairview #4, Glendale, CA 91207.

The Proud Bird is located just south of LAX at 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles. (Connie Clark)



## MORE ON WARBIRD EXHIBITION

Several issues ago, I gave my opinion on the flight demonstrations of Warbirds. Since that issue there have been any number of editorials in journals, some saying they should not be flown, others saying they should be flown and shown.

In England in the month of August, a P-38 and a Mosquito were lost in a week, with the death of three pilots. The pilot of the P-38 shown here over Duxford two days before its tragic loss was the experienced RAF squadron leader, Michael "Hoof" Proudfoot



Member Brian Goulding from England sent us a nice letter and a clipping from one of the local newspapers. The newspaper article really addresses the issue of flight demonstrations of Warbirds. The newspaper article is dated August 12 (just after the loss mentioned above) and agrees with keeping the Warbirds flying. I will bring the article to the general meeting as it is quite good. Brian's letter is dated September 30.

The letter from Brian is so interesting that I am going to include it in its totality.

"Dear Connie, In case you are short of information for the newsletter, I thought I'd send you the enclosed news cutting. The article was prompted by the loss of two vintage aircraft over here in August in the space of a week. I think they were both due

to pilot error, though the results of the investigations haven't yet been announced.

The Mosquito was said to be the last airworthy one in the world, though I believe the one belonging to Kermit Weeks in Florida may still be flyable. I happen to have flown in the "Mossey" which crashed, making it especially sad that it has gone. It seemed from what I saw on TV, that it got into a

wingover stall at too low an altitude, and from which the pilot failed to recover. Mosquitos were always known to be a bit of a handful if pushed too far in aerobatics.

Another sad loss this last weekend — the Dutch Dakota Association's C-

47 with the loss of 30 odd lives, said to be engine trouble which resulted in it diving into the sea off the coast of Holland on a pleasure flight.

I myself rarely think twice about flying in vintage aircraft, my latest being our only Catalina, or PBY5A as you would know it. I had a whole day out in it, filming a TV series, and we did a number of water landings, some on a lake, others on the English Channel, for once dead calm. It was quite an experience sitting in those huge blisters amidships.

Generally the vintage aircraft scene is very active in Britain. And I think we have caught up well in recent years. Long may they continue to fly.

I had my 8th book published earlier this year — again, on the Lancaster bomber —



LANCASTER AT WAR VOLUME 5 - 50 YEARS ON. It seems to have been well received. I'm concentrating now on landing at as many of the former World War 2 airfields as possible. At some there is only a 15 ft wide section left of the old runways or taxi tracks, and for these I use a Cessna 150 or Piper Cub. A lot have virtually disappeared. Quite a few I have landed at were used by the USAAF 8th B24's and B17's, such as Horham, Thorpe, Abbots, Seething, Old Buckingham, etc. I wonder if any of your members served over here, and recall these names. At most of them there are a few of the wartime buildings left. Some still have murals on the walls, painted in 1943/44.

My total of airfields landed at (world - wide) is 474. How many can I achieve before I retire from flying I wonder?

If any antiquers come over here, and wish to visit any of the old military airfields in East Anglia (Norfolk and Suffolk) I'd be pleased to fly them round" He then ends his letter with a personal note to Ed and Connie Clark.

Brian, I hope I have quoted you properly and that I have not made any mistakes in your wording, and thank you for the article and letter. I hope to be in England next year and will be in touch with you.

#### **BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

**T**here will be a meeting of the "Man Will Never Fly Society International," at Kitty Hawk, N.C. on December 16. Contact Ed North at 919/441-7482. (Connie Clark)

#### **LOST AND FOUND**

**T**wo items left at Ceci's Pot Luck will be brought to the November meeting, or call Connie Clark if these are your items and you can't be at the meeting.

A zippered plastic carrying case (red and

white) and a crocheted gold and yellow hot pad.

#### **FROM THE EDITOR**

**J**ust finished reading an interesting book, "Mig, Fifty Years of Secret Aircraft Design". It is another one of the Naval Institute Press books. If you have not read any of them, they are well documented and profusely illustrated, well worth the money. This is really a good book. MIG sure did build a lot of airplanes, some really pretty good.

Also, in the November issue of Air Force Magazine, there are quite a few pages devoted to the Confederate Air Force. Some really nice color shots, and a brief historical sketch. I will bring it to the meeting.

Please don't forget the dues, for most of you they are due on January 1. As Connie said, times is really moving on. Why not write your check now? Just \$10.00 for a full year.

I still have available a complete roster of the VAA members. If you would like one see me at the meeting or send a SAS envelope.

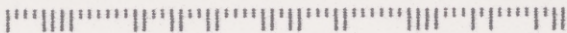
Also, I am again pleading for pictures, articles, and information that will make the letter a good one. If you would like to contribute, I will accept all items. Don't forget Jim and Kay Fosselman our Historians. They also need pictures for the album.

#### **COMING EVENTS**

**D**on't forget the Christmas Party. Send in your reservations now while you are thinking about it.

Also, since there will not be a newsletter until January 1997, circle January 17. This will be the first meeting of the new year. When you get your first newsletter, circle all of the dates for the year and you won't miss any of the events.





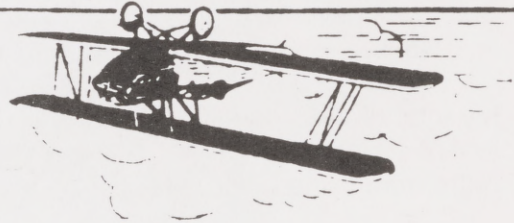
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